

Hafa Adai!

Saipan Tribune

THE CNMI'S FIRST DAILY NEWSPAPER

Volume XXIII, Issue No. 146

WEDNESDAY JULY 24, 2013

www.saipantribune.com

75¢

GOT A **NEWS TIP?**

TEL: 235-6397
235-2440

FAX: 235-3740

EMAIL: editor@saipantribune.com

OPINION METER

This week's poll:

Do you support the flotation of a pension obligation bond to pay off the government's debt with the NMI Retirement Fund?

Let your voice be heard!
Go to
www.saipantribune.com
to cast your vote.

INSIDE

ASIA



Philippine leader loses patience over persistent corruption.

► PAGE 17

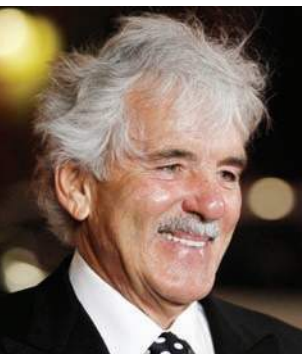
WORLD



The new royal baby adds an extra sense of history at the Buckingham Palace.

► PAGE 18

LIFE & STYLE



Dennis Farina of "Law & Order" has died.

► PAGE 20

Ombudsman's office operations winding down. PAGE 5
Chamber warns of impact of POB flotation. PAGE 9

Survey: Students want 'big-money jobs'

By MONETH G. DEPOSA
moneth_deposa@saipantribune.com
REPORTER

While the CNMI's private and public sectors are heightening efforts to craft programs that will develop the island's future workforce, the latest survey among public middle and high school students show that careers available on the islands are not among their top choices.

» Low interest shown for tourism-related jobs

The results of the PSS Occupational Survey have dismayed education officials, who discovered that most students dream of "big-money jobs" that they believe they will find outside the Commonwealth.

The expected exodus of foreign workers from the CNMI next year due to new immigration policies has spurred efforts to prepare the local workforce to take

over jobs that will be left vacant. With tourism being the islands' main industry, the field of food preparation and service is one area that directly ties with tourism. However, majority of those surveyed, who are on the cusp of being the islands' next generation of workers, are not interested in these lines of work.

This then begs the question: Who will take over the jobs of the islands' foreign workers when these workers are phased

See SURVEY on Page 4

LIBERATION CEREMONY

The wreath laid by Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) and Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo (D-Guam) at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery last week. Sablan, Bordallo, and Gen. Mark A. Welsh III, Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force lay the wreath to commemorate the 69th Anniversary of the Liberation of Guam and the Battle for the Northern Mariana Islands.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



Lawyer says laws on handguns unconstitutional

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE
ferdie_delatorre@saipantribune.com
REPORTER

Laws that outlaw the simple possession of handguns in the CNMI are unconstitutional, according to attorney Mark A. Scoggins, in his defense of a client who is accused of illegal possession of a firearm.

Scoggins said that portions of the Commonwealth Weapons Act are unconstitutional under the Second Amendment

to the U.S. Constitution.

Based on this argument, Scoggins asked the Superior Court to dismiss the charges of illegal possession of a firearm and illegal possession of ammunition filed against his client, Sergio M. Rangamar.

Assistant attorney general James B. McAllister argued, however, that Rangamar lacks standing to challenge the Weapons Control Act.

A hearing on the motion will be on

See LAWYER on Page 4

» Motion has potential to make handguns legal in the CNMI

Senate president: Ayuyu resigning

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO
haidee_eugenio@saipantribune.com
REPORTER

Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that Sen. Juan M. Ayuyu (Ind-Rota) will be resigning as a senator in the next few days, as Ayuyu faces 33 to 41 months in prison after pleading guilty to smuggling endangered fruit bats and obstruction of justice.

"A resignation letter from Senator Ayuyu will be forthcoming, after a hear-

ing on Friday. We should expect a letter from him days after that. We have asked the Senate legal counsel to look into the matter," said Torres, after talking to Ayuyu yesterday.



Ayuyu

Torres also informed Senate Vice President Victor Hocog (R-Rota) about Ayuyu's pending resignation.

Hocog, chairman of the Senate Committee on Rules and

Procedures, said if Ayuyu will be spending 33 to 41 months in prison, it would

See SENATE on Page 4

Local

Judge OKs delay in Tinian Dynasty trial

By **FERDIE DE LA TORRE**
ferdie_delatorre@saipantribune.com
REPORTER

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona has agreed to postpone the start of the trial of Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino and its co-defendants, citing the complexity of the case and the need for all parties to prepare for it.

The new trial date is now Dec. 2, 2013. The original trial date was Aug. 19, 2013.

At a hearing Monday afternoon, Manglona stated that failure to grant a continuance in the case would deny Tinian Dynasty and its co-defendants

a reasonable time for their lawyers to prepare.

Manglona also granted the request of attorney Robert Torres, counsel for defendant George Que, to set a status conference for Oct. 16, 2013.

Attorney Bruce Berline, counsel for Tinian Dynasty, moved for the continuance of the Aug. 19 trial.

Berline said the U.S. government gave his client thousands of pages of discovery and an additional 14,000 pages of discovery to the lawyer for Hong Kong Entertainment and co-defendants. He said he expects additional discovery from the

U.S. government.

At this time, Berline said, it is nearly impossible for Hong Kong Entertainment to review the amount of discovery provided by the U.S. government and be prepared to file pre-trial motions or be ready to provide an effective defense at trial as it is currently scheduled.

Assistant U.S. attorney Marivic David did not oppose the motion. Torres, counsel for Que, had no opposition.

Attorney Mark Hanson, counsel for defendant Tim Blyth, opposed the motion. Hanson said the four-month continuance "is premature and excessive."

Hanson said that, while it is true that the U.S. government seized a grossly excessive amount of documents and computer information from their raid on Tinian Dynasty, almost all of the documents and other evidence are irrelevant to the charges in the indictment.

Hanson also noted that the charges in the indictment are straightforward.

According to the charges, Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino allowed gamblers to conduct transactions involving more than \$10,000 without filing CTRs with the U.S. government since September 2009 to the present. The indictment also charged Tinian Dynasty's VIP services manager Que and casino manager Blyth.

Lack of representation on BOE is a 'disservice to PSS teachers'

By **MONETH G. DEPOSA**
moneth_deposa@saipantribune.com
REPORTER

Herman T. Guerrero, who chairs the CNMI State Board of Education, reiterated yesterday the policy-making body's call for the appointment of a teacher representative for public schools on the board.

According to Guerrero, the failure to give public school teachers representation on the board is a disservice to PSS teachers.

Under the law, public school teachers are supposed to have one non-voting representative on the Board of Education.

"I urged the House Education Committee to honor the collective majority wishes and desires of the teachers. To ignore the constitutional mandate of having a non-voting teacher rep on the board is a disservice to all public school teachers," he told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

According to Guerrero, the participation of a PSS teacher representative is key to developing sound policy decisions for students.

"Their participation and input on matters and concerns that affect them directly or indirectly only strengthens PSS in enhancing student learning in our schools," he said.

In a meeting early this week with House panel members, Guerrero said the board reiterated its stance on the appointment of a PSS teacher rep.

The BOE earlier rejected the Legislature's recommendation to hold an election among teachers to determine their representative on the board.

A bill currently pending in the House education panel, Senate Bill 18-20, SS1, seeks to fill

the vacancy by having public school teachers elect their representative on the board.

A PSS survey, however, among its teachers show that they'd prefer to have the overall Teacher of the Year awardee to be their voice on the board. PSS is pressing the Legislature to craft a bill that reflects this.

This year's CNMI Teacher of the Year is Peter Loken of Garapan Elementary School.

The last PSS teachers' representative was Ambrose Bennett, whose term expired in January 2008. Nobody has succeeded him since then.

Bennett has questioned the proposed appointment of the Teacher of the Year as the teacher rep.

"It is my firm belief that teachers want to select their own representative and not have one determined by the judges for the Teacher of the Year. Judges for the TOY are appointed by the PSS administration, not teachers. The TOY is also being judged on their instructional abilities and not their ability to represent teachers," according to Bennett.

For the former teacher rep, "letting the board dictate the teacher rep selection is a real injustice to teachers as teachers should have something to say about their representation on the board and so should the governor who will appoint in the end."

He also questioned the "authenticity" of the survey.

Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D., referred inquiries about the survey to Loken.

Loken, who led the survey with other TOYs, is currently off island and has yet to respond to inquiries about the survey.

Probable cause found to charge alleged burglar

Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman has found probable cause to warrant the filing of charges against Vincent K. Antonius, a suspected burglar who was injured after he jumped from the second floor of the Century Hotel in Garapan to the rooftop of a storage room.

At a preliminary hearing on Monday, Wiseman ordered the 21-year-old Antonius to answer the charges and remanded him to the custody of the Department of Corrections.

Antonius is charged with burglary, attempted burglary, and disturbing the peace.

His arraignment is on July 29, 2013.

Assistant attorney general Margo Brown represented the government. Assistant public defender Matthew Meyer is counsel for the defendant.

According to police, Antonius entered the hotel room of a guest through the balcony's

sliding door and was attempting to enter another room when a guest saw him and shouted. Antonius fled by jumping from the room's balcony into the roof of the adjacent storage room, landing on his back. He was injured, however, and could not get up.

The distance between the balcony and the roof was about 8 to 10 feet, a witness said.

When a police officer responded to the scene, the suspect was still on top of the storage room. Medics transported him to the Commonwealth Health Center but he was later released.

At the Department of Corrections where he was subsequently detained, Antonius told a police detective that he was drunk and does not remember what happened.

Another guest said he saw Antonius trying to get inside another room prior to the incident. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

VEIOVIS DIRECTSM

For as low as **\$23** a paycheck you can receive...

▶▶ **UNLIMITED ACCESS TO DIRECT PRIMARY CARE SERVICES AT THE FHP HEALTH CENTER**

▶▶ **NO RESTRICTIONS BASED ON PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS - EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

Call **(670) 235-0994/6-8** for more information or visit **www.veiovis.com**.

WHY VEIOVIS DIRECT IS THE RIGHT CHOICE FOR YOU...

- ✓ **Unlimited access to direct primary care services for a low monthly payment**
- ✓ **No additional fees for direct primary care services***
- ✓ **No restrictions based on pre-existing conditions – everyone is welcome**

LEARN MORE...

A Veiovis Direct representative will hold presentations and answer your specific questions.

Date: Saturday, July 27, 2013

Location: Governor Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center, Susupe

Times: 10:00am 11:30am 1:30pm 3:00pm 4:00pm

VEIOVIS
You Have Options

*This Program is not an insurance plan. Fees for services outside the Veiovis Direct Program will be assessed.

IN UNDERSEA CABLE ROW WITH IT&E

Docomo exec says they just want 'fair, transparent' fee

By MARK RABAGO
mark_rabago@saipantribune.com
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Although it can build its own undersea cable to rival that of IT&E's, Docomo Pacific says it will not so in the near future because there is unused capacity in the existing one. Its general manager, James Nelson, said what the company simply needs is for IT&E to set a more "fair and transparent" fee for the service.

"It's something that we continue to study. It [undersea cable] may be an option in the future, as the needs of the CNMI and other Pacific islands grow. It's a huge undertaking (some estimates put the cost at \$15 million to \$18 million). Keep in mind that Docomo just invested close to \$130 million with the MCV acquisition, much of which includes capital expenditures on our Saipan network. Our position is that if there's unused capacity on an existing cable, why not establish the basic facts with regard to capacity and rates, and then cooperate and make it work?" Nelson said in an email to *Saipan Tribune*.

He also said it is unfortunate that IT&E's position seems to be, "if you're not happy, just build your own" in the whole undersea cable issue, which bubbled up when the Docomo Pacific executive told Chamber of Commerce members during its monthly meeting earlier this month that the prohibitive cost of undersea fiber bandwidth is stunting its expansion plans on the islands.

"But that's not really the issue here. There is a cable, we believe there is capacity, and we want to work together to maximize its utility. Make no mistake, our position isn't that it should be free, it's just that it should be fair [and transparent]. And frankly, we have reasons to believe it is neither."

Docomo's commitment

Nelson also scored IT&E for insinuating that his company is

Senate panel OKs Marpi land for marine monument visitor center

The Senate Committee on Resources and Economic Development recommends adoption of a House resolution requesting the Marianas Trench Marine National Monument Advisory Council to build a marine monument visitors' center in Marpi.

Committee chair Sen. Frank Borja (Ind-Tinian) and other members recommends adoption of Rep. Ray Tebuteb's (Ind-Saipan) House Resolution 18-7. The Senate is expected to act on the resolution on Thursday.

The committee says H.R. 18-7 "is not in conflict with Congressman Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan's U.S. House

not truly invested in the Commonwealth.

"Let's look at the facts. The history of DPAC's investment in the CNMI goes back many years. Recently, Docomo Pacific has made significant investments in the CNMI by upgrading and optimizing its entire GSM network, to include installing media gateways, base station controllers and base transceiver stations. We've upgraded all our sites in order to offer expanded coverage on Saipan. The deployment of 850 Mhz transmission has vastly reduced dropped call issues. Over the past four years, Docomo Pacific has invested several million dollars in its network optimization alone, much of it in the CNMI."

Aside from plunking down millions to upgrade its infrastructure in the CNMI, Nelson also touted Docomo Pacific's involvement in the community. He said his company has sponsored a slew of youth athletic organization like the Saipan Little League Association, Northern Mariana Islands Football Association, and various basketball leagues, to name a few.

He also pointed out that Docomo Pacific hosts the annual Docomo Pacific Golf Classic, which benefits high school students that are involved in the My WAVE Clubs in the CNMI.

"Note also that Docomo Pacific has done this investment without the aid of federal government ARRA grants, through which IT&E received millions of dollars. For IT&E to try to position itself as a local, homespun company here on Saipan in contrast to Docomo Pacific—a kind of contest to see 'who loves Saipan more'...I think local residents can see through that kind of silly rhetoric."

No quote

Nelson also refuted IT&E's assertion that Docomo Pacific has not approached it for a quote with regards to its request to use more undersea fiber bandwidth.

Resolution 3511."

Sablan's HR 3511 authorizes the Interior secretary to build a multipurpose visitor facility in the CNMI for interpretation and public education and for enjoyment of the marine environment within the boundaries of the Marine National Monument.

This comes more than four years since a presidential designation of the Marianas Trench Marine National Monument on Jan. 6, 2009.

Tebuteb's resolution seeks the building of a marine monument on 17,107.24 square meters of public land in Marpi. (Haidee V. Eugenio)

"Numerous requests have been made to IT&E for quotes for both capacity and rates. Most recently, in mid-June a meeting was held between Docomo Pacific and IT&E staff during which we made very specific requests for pricing on bandwidth between Guam and Saipan, Saipan and Rota, and Saipan and Tinian. Since that initial meeting, Docomo Pacific has followed up several times with IT&E, but has yet to receive a response."

He also said that whether or not IT&E's sole ownership and control of the undersea cable meets the technical, legal definition of a "monopoly" isn't the real the issue.

"They have sole control.

They set pricing, they own the cable licenses, etc. But if you go to PTI's website and click the link for 'inter-island cable rates' you get a '404 Not Found error.' The fact is, these issues are not new. They go back to PTI's initial acquisition of the cable in the mid-2000s. There were questions and concerns raised then...and in response PTI/ITE made certain commitments that they later backed out of," added Nelson.

In the end, he said a fairer and transparent fee on IT&E's undersea cable service will not only be beneficial to his company but to the whole CNMI as well.

He said opening up of the fiber optic cable will have sig-

nificant impact on the local community in a number of areas—more than just cable TV programming.

"We can introduce telemedicine and data services that assist our health professionals in helping the people of the CNMI. We can upgrade the data services to schools so that our children can be competitive with other children across the nation and the world. Let's revive the economy by offering competitive rates to businesses who are genuinely interested in investing in the CNMI so that they can open their doors for business, create new jobs and generate new revenue and create competition. As numerous business groups and studies

have pointed out, the lack of broadband and telecommunications capacity on Saipan is hurting its residents, and hindering progress."

ARMATECH



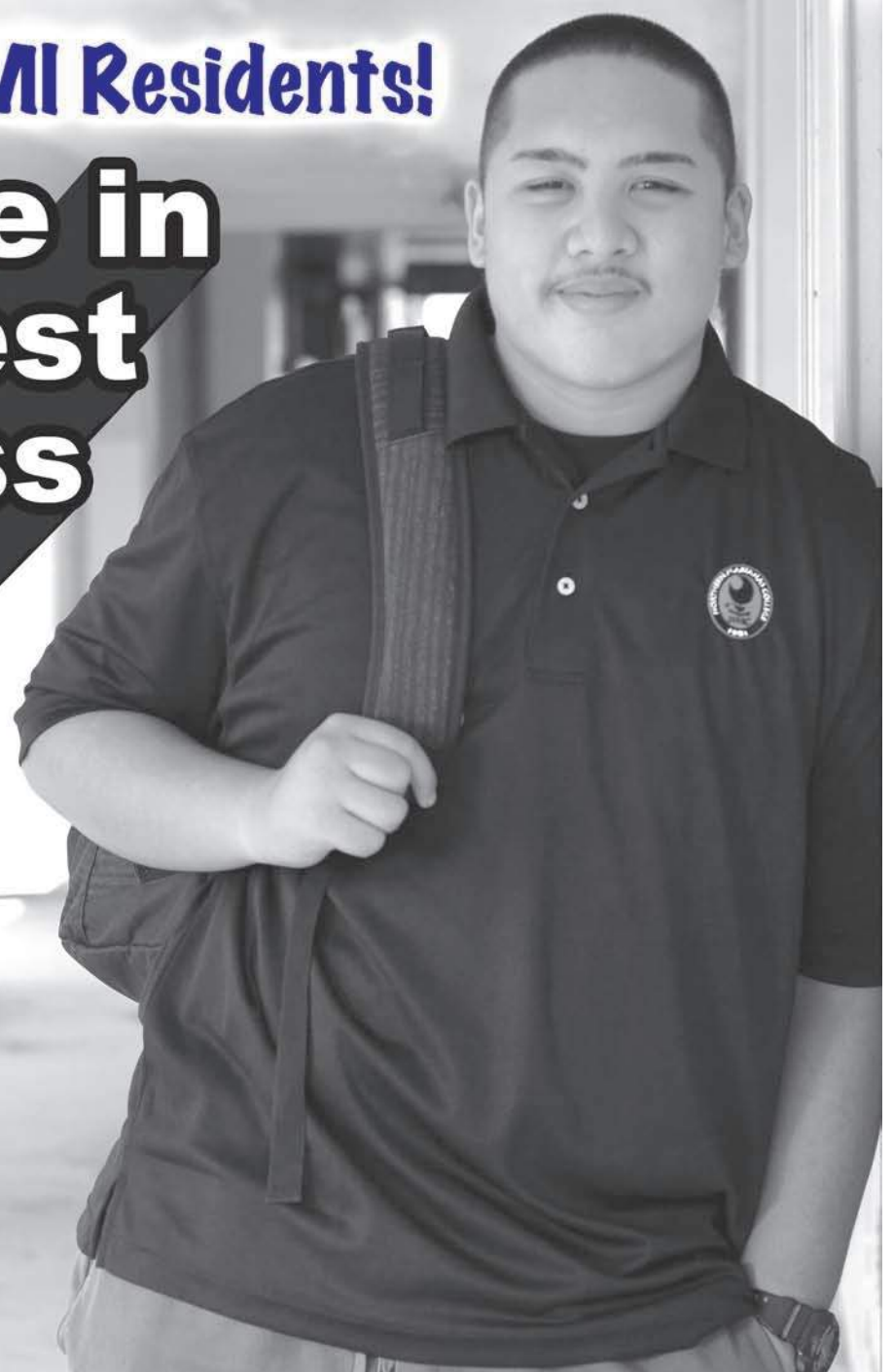
Installer of RF Door Lock System
with Software for Commercial
and Hotel Applications

Pls call us:
234-8895 / 287-5525

New for CNMI Residents!

College in the West for Less

Now that the CNMI is a part of the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE), CNMI residents are eligible to be considered for discounted tuition rates at more than 150 colleges and universities like Arizona State University, UNLV, Boise State University, Washington State University, Portland State University, and many more!



WICHE helps CNMI Residents...

- Save Money - Pay reduced tuition
- Choose from 150+ institutions
- Stay and study in 15 western states

Alaska • Arizona • California • Colorado • Hawaii
Idaho • Montana • Nevada • New Mexico • North Dakota
Oregon • South Dakota • Utah • Washington • Wyoming

Visit www.marianas.edu for more information.



WICHE
Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education

This ad was made possible through the U.S. Department of Education's College Access Challenge Grant program.

Expert touts potential of breadfruit

By MARK RABAGO
mark_rabago@saipantribune.com
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

The CNMI has been looking for an industry to pair with tourism since garment manufacturing folded nearly a decade ago and a visiting expert from Hawaii said a tree crop that grows abundantly on the islands could just be the solution.

University of Hawaii Pacific Business Center Program director Dr. Tusi Avegalio said that breadfruit and one of its byproducts, breadfruit flour, can serve as a gluten-free alternative to wheat and rice that can readily be marketed not only in the U.S. mainland but throughout Asia as well.

Avegalio, or Dr. Tusi as he is more fondly called, was the Rotary Club of Saipan's guest speaker during its weekly meet-

ing yesterday at the Hyatt Regency Saipan.

He said the breadfruit tree that commonly grows in the CNMI is called ma'afala, which is one of the most robust of over 200 species of breadfruit in the world.

As far as breadfruit's potential as an economic driver, Dr. Tusi pointed out that the high demand for gluten-free product in the U.S. has gone from \$578 million in 2004, to \$4.2 billion in 2012, and is projected to go to \$6.6 billion in 2017.

"Gluten-free products in the U.S. have gone mainstream: they have gone from being a substitute for wheat flour for people who are gluten intolerant to a mainstream health product that sells for a premium not only in health food stores but also in Wal-Mart

and supermarkets," he said.

People who are gluten intolerant are afflicted with celiac disease, which affects about 3 percent of the U.S. population.

Dr. Tusi said they are currently working with C.H. Robinson, an \$11-billion logistics company, and their subsidiary FoodSource, whose clients include Subway, Whole Foods, Trader Joe's, and Walmart, to develop gluten-free flour from breadfruit.

"They have committed to working with us to develop a gluten-free flour made from breadfruit that is superior to what is on the market now, which is rice flour mixed with various gums and is currently being sold as a gluten-free flour for making breads and cakes."

Breadfruit flour is more nutritious than wheat because, according to Dr. Tusi, "wheat has been grown in the same land for centuries so it requires more

loading of fertilizer and etc. to try and move it up to a point where the nutritional value is as close as possible to what it was 100 or 200 years ago."

He said breadfruit doesn't have that kind of problem so its food nutrition is extremely high.

Kansas State University and University of Hawaii Food Science are also currently refining breadfruit flour so it can become good enough to market test.

"We've made it into a flour but we need to refine it to make it more palatable to the different markets. The American market has different tastes. They're accustomed to wheat flour. We want to be able to refine breadfruit to where it is just as good and better," said Dr. Tusi.

What's more interesting is that scientists are also developing gluten-free noodles, which will make an interesting impact in the food market in Asia, where the main staple, rice, is

not gluten-free.

In order to tap into the potential of the tree crop, Dr. Tusi said that people of the Pacific Islands must first overcome its disadvantages.

"The reason why breadfruit hasn't been on the radar is because it takes too long to grow.

Up to seven plus years and also the fruit if you don't use it within 48 hours it will start to rot. This is why having the technology to dry the fruit and dry it very quickly is key because we can then ship the dried breadfruit to where it can be processed," he said.

LAWYER

From Page 1

Sept. 4, 2013.

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho yesterday directed the parties to submit supplemental briefing. He also invited interested parties to submit briefs of *amici curiae* (friend of the court).

The deadline to submit supplemental briefs and any briefs of *amici curiae* is Aug. 28, 2013.

How this issue is resolved has the potential of legalizing handguns in the CNMI, according to Camacho. And since the issue's potential impact goes beyond Rangamar's case, Camacho said he desires a robust record in order to consider the motion to dismiss.

According to court records, police arrested the 36-year-old Rangamar for allegedly aiming a gun at his two cousins in Gualo Rai.

Police recovered at the scene a 9mm semi-automatic pistol with a 9mm live round in the chamber, another live round in the magazine, seven 9mm full metal jacket live rounds, and five 9mm hollow point live rounds.

The Office of the Attorney General charged Rangamar with two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon, one count of illegal possession of a firearm, one count of illegal possession of ammunition, two counts of disturbing the peace, and one count of criminal contempt.

In Rangamar's motion to dismiss, Scoggins said the information charged Rangamar with simple possession of a "P38 9mm handgun" and that the incident allegedly took place on Rangamar family property.

Scoggins said the Commonwealth Weapons Control Act provides that "no person may... possess or carry any firearm... or ammunition other than as provided in this article." Another section provides that "no person may acquire or possess any firearm... or ammunition, unless the person holds an identification card issued pursuant to this article."

In the CNMI, as previously in Chicago, Scoggins said that no person may possess a firearm or ammunition unless the person and weapons are registered.

"Ostensibly, this would mean that firearms are not banned in the CNMI and were not banned in Chicago, but in reality, in both places the law places an effective ban on handguns," he said.

In Chicago, Scoggins said, registration of most handguns was prohibited, effectively banning handguns.

Likewise in the CNMI, he

said, it is illegal to "possess or use any handgun, automatic weapon, or ammunition other than" certain .22 caliber and .223 caliber rifles and .410 shotguns.

Scoggins said the U.S. Supreme Court has stated that "the inherent right of self-defense has been central to the Second Amendment right" and that "under any of the standards of scrutiny that we have applied to enumerated constitutional rights, banning from the home 'the most preferred firearm in the nation to 'keep' and use for protection of one's home and family' would fail constitutional muster."

He said Rangamar is charged with simple possession of a weapon and ammunition on his own family's property and these charges similarly fail constitutional muster.

With the Second Amendment "fully applicable" to the CNMI, Scoggins said the two counts, which outlaw simple possession of handguns, should be dismissed as unconstitutional.

In the government's opposition, McAllister said the Weapons Control Act of 1976 prohibits possession of all handguns and automatic weapons, other than certain rifles and shotguns.

McAllister said the same Act criminalizes the "use or attempt to use any firearm... in connection with or in aid of the commission of any crime."

He cited that the U.S. Supreme Court recently recognized a constitutional right to possess "handguns held and used for self-defense in the home."

In *D.C. v. Heller*, McAllister said the U.S. Supreme Court granted relief to a police officer, the plaintiff in a civil case, who sought permission to possess a handgun in his home "when necessary for self-defense."

In Rangamar's case, McAllister said, the defendant is not accused of possessing a firearm in his home for self-defense.

Quite distinguishably, he said, Rangamar allegedly threatened two men with a firearm outside an uninhabited structure without sufficient justification.

Further, unlike the Heller case, McAllister said that Rangamar is not a peaceful plaintiff seeking permission to possess a handgun in his home for self-defense.

"Instead, he is a convicted felon and repeat offender facing several serious criminal charges for unlawful use and possession of a handgun," he added.

Since Rangamar is not accused of possessing a firearm in his home for self-defense, he does not have standing to challenge the Weapons Control Act, McAllister said.

SENATE

From Page 1

be in everyone's best interest for him to resign instead.

If Ayuyu does not resign, Hocog's committee may recommend to the full Senate to expel or terminate the senator from Rota.

The Senate president has also asked the Senate legal counsel to look into whether Ayuyu's guilty plea already constitutes a ground for termination or expulsion from the Senate.

Ayuyu's term as senator ends in January 2015, way before the

end of his possible prison term.

Back in March, shortly before the Senate was to act on the Rules and Procedures Committee's recommendation to suspend Ayuyu's salary and other benefits and suspend him as a senator, Ayuyu volunteered to suspend his salary.

Ayuyu, 48, has been in jail since Dec. 17, 2012, on charges of alleged smuggling of endangered fruit bats, witness tampering, and possession of a cell phone while in prison. The latter charge was dismissed.

Attorney General Joey Patrick San Nicolas, in a March 15,

2013, legal opinion, said that if Ayuyu is convicted and a vacancy in the Senate exists, that vacancy will have to be filled by Joey Anthony Quitugua.

At the time, there were questions whether former Senate president Paul Manglona, now with the office of the lieutenant governor, could fill the vacancy if Ayuyu is convicted or if he resigns from office.

This won't be the first time in the 18th Legislature that a vacancy would exist. When former Senate president Jude U. Hofschneider ascended to become lieutenant governor, his

seat remained vacant for weeks until the newly-installed governor, Eloy S. Inos, appointed Joaquin Borja to serve Hofschneider's remaining term as senator representing Tinian.

When former governor Benigno R. Fitial resigned days before a Senate impeachment trial, Inos became governor and Hofschneider filled Inos' former position as lieutenant governor under the rule of succession.

This is also not the first time that a sitting senator will go to prison. In the past, sitting senators were convicted of hiring so-called "ghost employees."

SURVEY

From Page 1

out come December 2014?

Also, with tourism on the rebound and more hotels expected to open up in the years ahead, the need for cooks, waiters, bartenders, and other entry level positions are expected to surge and the lack of interest for these jobs among the young could affect the ability of tourism-related businesses to find sufficient workers for their operations.

According to Michaelle Muña, the students' representative on the Board of Education, the low interest for some of the career choices may be due to the students' limited knowledge and exposure to these fields.

She said that many students want to pursue higher education to achieve their dream careers, which she described as "big-money jobs."

Although the data speaks about the intention of many students to pursue higher education, Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D., said there remains a concern that many of them want to pursue fields and careers that are not either available on island or are not much needed in the CNMI.

Low wages

According to the survey, the student's lack of interest in many of the career options were tied

directly to their perception that these jobs offer low pay compared to the amount of effort put in to the actual work.

Because PSS offers various career technological educational courses at its secondary schools, BOE chair Herman T. Guerrero pointed out the need to "go deeper" into the result of the survey in order to better gauge students.

Survey results

The PSS survey was conducted among 7th to 11th graders in all middle and high school in the CNMI.

The survey provided student-respondents 10 different occupations that are not only available but are very much needed by existing industries in the CNMI. These include food preparation and serving related; management; installation, maintenance, and repair; office and administrative support; construction and extraction; building, ground cleaning and maintenance; sales and related; major title production; protective service; and business and financial operations.

Of the total 2,956 respondents, the results show that only 165 students want to be in the food preparation and serving related field. In comparison, 474 respondents want to be in protective service, which includes fields such as police and investigation agents.

Another notable result is that only 60 students out of the nearly 3,000 respondents are willing to work in construction with.

At Marianas High School, out of 940 respondents, a total of 511—or 54 percent—say they want to pursue postsecondary education and have no plans of immediately working in any of the given occupational opportunities.

Generating the most interest among the occupational choices was "protective service" where 127 students—or 14 percent—say they want to work in the future.

Those who reported that they want to work in installation, maintenance, and repair work totaled 83 students—a mere 9 percent. Other areas like business and financial operations got only 7 percent while food preparation and serving related got a minuscule 4 percent. Management had 3 percent; sales, 3 percent; and construction and building/ground maintenance, 1 percent each.

At Saipan Southern High School, out of the 398 respondents, a large bulk of 181 students—or 45 percent—say they will pursue college; 63 students (16 percent) want to be in protective services; 40 respondents said they want to work in business and financial operations; while 26 students want to work in the field of management.

The results for Kagman High School also showed a similar trend, with 41 percent of re-

spondents wanting to pursue higher education and many students picking the field of protective service among their top option. In KHS, 360 students responded to the survey.

In middle schools, a total of 216 out of 720 students say they want to pursue college while 91 aim to be in protective service one day. Chacha Oceanview had a total of 213 respondents, of which 51 want to pursue higher education while a big bulk of students (72) want to become police and investigative agents. Only 23 students want to be in food preparation.

Students in Rota and Tinian secondary schools also want to pursue higher education and, no surprise here, protective service also came out as their top career choice.

Tinian Junior & Senior High School had 134 respondents, of which 56 want to go to college; 22 want to be in protective service. Only 10 want to be in food preparation, while only a few want to be in other fields such as construction, sales, and maintenance.

In Dr. Rita Hocog Inos Jr. & Sr. High School, 191 students took part in the survey, of which 72 want to pursue education; 39 in protective service; 24 in business and financial operation; 13 in food preparation; 10 in office and administrative work; and very few want to be in construction, sales, and maintenance.

Labor Ombudsman's office operations winding down

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO
haidee_eugenio@saipantribune.com
REPORTER

With barely two months before its Sept. 30 closure, the Federal Labor Ombudsman's Office will be announcing today changes in its office operations, including a stop to accepting new walk-in clients by Aug. 15.

As of Aug. 1, the ombudsman's office will be open only on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

Thursday and Friday, meanwhile, will be for appointments only for clients with active cases that require further assistance prior to the office's final closure of both the case and the ombudsman's office.

Effective Aug. 15, the ombudsman's office will no longer accept more walk-in clients and clients referred by other agencies for assistance will no longer be entertained.

Case workers, however, will continue to make appointments with clients with open cases to provide as much assistance as possible prior to Sept. 1, 2013.

"Any client with an open case is encouraged to immediately contact the caseworker providing assistance to determine what if anything remains to be done prior to Sept. 1, 2013, in order to reach final resolution of the matter," the ombudsman's office said in a public notice that will be posted today.

This comes shortly after acting Interior assistant secretary Eileen Sobeck arrived on Saipan to, among other things, ensure that there is a good plan for the ombudsman's office's shutdown.

Sobeck told *Saipan Tribune* that a closure plan is underway, including meeting with agencies that the ombudsman's office deals with on a regular basis, some of which may absorb many of the functions of the ombudsman's office.

Bonifacio Sagana, president of Dekada Movement, said yesterday that given Sobeck's statement to the *Saipan Tribune* on Monday, the office's closure is a done deal but the important question now is whether workers can expect the same, if not better, assistance from local and federal entities that are supposed to absorb the functions of the ombudsman's office.

"Maybe besides U.S. Labor, the Department of Homeland Security and the FBI, they would also ask the Micronesian Legal Services Corp. and Guma Esperansa to step in. We still don't know the whole plan. We would like to hear those plans. Maybe the CNMI Labor will get involved once again," he said.

Saipan Tribune sources said that Sobeck will be holding a closed-door meeting with representatives of worker groups tonight.

Representatives and supporters of three worker groups, including the Marianas Advocates for Humanitarian Affairs Ltd. led by its president Rene Reyes, the Human

Dignity Movement led by its president Itos Feliciano, and Dekada Movement led by Sagana, held a roadside rally Monday morning, to press for the continued operations of the ombudsman's office

beyond 2013.

Sobeck later said the ombudsman's office's closure is a go.

The Interior's OIA said the ombudsman's office closure is a result of a "dramatic shift" in

the office's work—"from working on serious labor and trafficking violations to assisting individual alien workers with more routine immigration and labor issues." But those who

support the ombudsman's office's continued operations said that there's nearly three times as many human trafficking victims sought help from the office under federal control than those

who came during the pre-federalization period, and roughly the same number of labor complaints has been received by the Ombudsman's Office as from 1999 to 2008.

START PUSHING YOURSELF.

START CHALLENGING YOURSELF.

START DEVELOPING SKILLS.

START BUILDING CONFIDENCE.

START RAISING THE BAR.

START TAKING ON CHALLENGES.

START MAKING A DIFFERENCE.

START EARNING RESPECT.

START STRONG.™

There's strong. Then there's Army Strong. Make Army ROTC part of your University of Guam experience and be eligible for a full-tuition scholarship, fees for books and a monthly stipend to help pay for your education. When you're finished, you'll earn the rank of Second Lieutenant. There is no greater place to start toward a strong future than Army ROTC. Register for an ROTC elective today.

To get started, visit goarmy.com/rotc/u892.

ARMY ROTC

U.S. ARMY

ARMY STRONG.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 671-735-2541
OR VISIT www.uog.edu/armyrotc.aspx TO LEARN MORE

©2008. Paid for by the United States Army. All rights reserved.

NOTICE ALL CLIENTS OF THE FEDERAL LABOR OMBUDSMAN

Due to the upcoming closure of the Federal Labor Ombudsman office on September 30, 2013, aliens are advised of the following change in operations of the office.

- As of August 1, 2013, office will be open only on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday with Thursday and Friday for appointments only for clients with active cases that require further assistance of the office prior to our final closure of both the case and the office.
- As of August 15, 2013, no more walk in clients or clients referred by other agencies for assistance will be entertained. Caseworkers will continue to make appointments with clients with open cases to provide as much assistance as possible prior to September 1, 2013.
- Any client with an open case is encouraged to immediately contact the caseworker providing assistance to determine what if anything remains to be done prior to September 1, 2013 in order to reach final resolution of the matter.

We, the staff of the Federal Labor Ombudsman, greatly appreciate your patience and cooperation in this time of transition.

通知所有联邦劳工监察官办公室的客户

由于联邦劳工监察官办公室即将于 2013 年 9 月 30 日关闭，特告示外籍人士关于以下办公室运作服务的变更。

- 从 2013 年 8 月 1 日起，办公室将仅会在周一，周二和周三开门办公。而周四和周五只服务持有仍在开放进行中案件并需要进一步协助的预约客户，直到案件和办公室的最终关闭为止。
- 从 2013 年 8 月 15 日起，不再接待无预约直接上门的或者由其他机构推介的客户。案件工作者们还会继续与现存开放案件的客户们订立预约，并在 2013 年 9 月 1 日前尽可能地提供服务。
- 办公室鼓励任何持有仍在开放进行中案件的客户，立即联系提供协助的案件工作者以确认如有任何遗留问题需要在 2013 年 9 月 1 日前处理完毕，以达到案件的最终解决。

我们，联邦劳工监察官办公室的全体工作人员，非常感谢您在这个过渡时期的耐心与合作。

PAUNAWA SA LAHAT NG KLIYENTE NG
FEDERAL LABOR OMBUDSMAN

Dahil sa nalalapit na pagsasara ng tanggapan ng Federal Labor Ombudsman sa Septyembre 30, 2013, kayo ay pinapayuhan sa mga sumusunod na pagbabago sa mga pagpapatakbo ng opisina.

- Simula Agosto 1, 2013, ang opisina ay bukas lamang sa Lunes, Martes, at Miyerkules, ang Huwebes at Biyernes ay para lamang sa appointment ng mga kliyente na may aktibong kaso na nangangailangan ng karagdagang tulong ng opisina bago ang aming pagsasara ng parehong kaso at ng opisina.
- Simula Agosto 15, 2013, hindi na namin maaasikaso ang mga kliyenteng “walk in” o ang mga kliyenteng ini-refer ng iba pang ahensya. Ang mga Caseworkers ay patuloy na gagawa ng appointment sa mga kliyente na may bukas na kaso upang mabigayan ng sapat na tulong hangga’t maaari bago ang Septyembre 1, 2013.
- Ang mga kliyente na may bukas pang kaso ay hinihikayat na agad makipag-ugnay sa caseworker na tumutulong sa inyo upang matukoy kung anong mga bagay ang nararapat pang gawin bago ang Septyembre 1, 2013 para sa paglutas ng inyong kaso.

Kami, ang mga tauhan ng Federal Labor Ombudsman, ay lubos na pinahalagahan ang inyong pasensya at pakikipagtulungan sa oras na ito ng pagbabago

‘Inos closely following NMC situation’

By MONETH G. DEPOSA
moneth_deposa@saipantribune.com
REPORTER

Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Gov. Jude Hofschneider have already been informed by the Northern Marianas College about the potential loss of its biggest federal aid, according to press secretary Angel A. Demapan yesterday. He said the Executive Branch is closely monitoring the ongoing developments at the college and hopes that the matter will be resolved soon. “Unfortunately, this predicament appears to be a policy matter at the federal level, namely the U.S. Department of Education,” said Demapan. “The administration is closely following ongoing efforts for NMC to hold further discussions with USDOE on resolving this matter for both the institution and

the students enrolled in the baccalaureate programs.” NMC recently disclosed that it may lose millions in federal Pell grants anytime soon due to what it described as a “policy decision” by the federal agency. The college is facing termination of its Pell grants for its baccalaureate program due to its dual accreditation with both the senior and junior commission of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. The USDOE recently bared that dual accreditation is not in accordance with its policy and that NMC should forfeit these grants. If the USDOE decides with finality to terminate the Pell grant for NMC’s baccalaureate program, the college may be ordered to return or pay back what

it has received for the program since the beginning. NMC students benefit from close to \$4 million in Pell grants every fiscal year. The baccalaureate program started receiving Pell awards in 2001. Demapan did not respond to a question whether there is a plan or possible action that will be taken by the administration in order to help address the problem with the USDOE. As of yesterday, those who will travel to Washington, D.C. to meet with the USDOE on the matter has yet to be known, as well as the exact schedule of the trip. NMC president Sharon Y. Hart, Ph.D., earlier indicated that she wants the meeting before the end of the month.


Assistant secretary for insular areas still on Interior’s radar

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) said he was assured by U.S. Interior Secretary Sally Jewell that a nominee for assistant secretary for insular areas position will be named “and this issue will not fall off her radar.” Acting Interior assistant secretary Eileen Sobeck is making a one-week visit to the CNMI to check on Interior-funded programs in the areas of healthcare and utilities, as well as the scheduled closure of the Federal Labor Ombudsman’s Office. “This was in response to my insistence that a permanent nominee be named as soon as possible so that the concerns of the insular areas are addressed by the federal government,” Sablan said. Sablan and his colleagues on the U.S. House Natural


Resources Committee had an opportunity to discuss the Interior’s programs and activities with Jewell last week. The Interior’s Office of Insular Affairs has administrative responsibility for coordinating federal policy in the insular areas, including the CNMI. “While acting assistant secretary Eileen Sobeck is to be commended for the able job she is doing, I certainly hope that it will not be too much longer before a permanent nominee is named,” Sablan added. The last individual to fill the post was Anthony “Tony” M. Babauta, who resigned on Feb. 1 this year. Babauta, a native of Guam, told the Interior secretary at the time that he believes his work “improved the Office of Insular Affairs.” (Haidee V. Eugenio)

Power outage on Saturday

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has scheduled a power interruption on Saturday, July 27, 2013, from 8:30am to 12:30pm, to allow the CUC line crew to safely replace three power poles in front of the Fish and Wildlife Office in Lower Base, next to WestPac and in front of Pacific Trading in Puerto Rico. Water services may be affected in the area during the power interruption; however, all services should be restored after the power is re-energized. Areas to be affected are from CUC Power Plant 1 to the new air break switch north of the CHC traffic lights (Fish and Wildlife Office, Seaman Restaurant, Water Division Office, Wastewater Division Office, Water Lab Office, Puerto Rico Shell gas station, Puerto Rico Dr., Malinao Dr., Pantalan Cir., publiko Dr., Saluda St., Paluw Ln., and Patida Dr. (CUC)



Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION
P.O. BOX 500514, Saipan, MP 96950-0514
Email: nmhc@nmhc.gov.mp • Website: http://www.nmhc.gov.mp



PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, through its Chairwoman of the Board, is hereby giving notice that the Regular Meeting of the Board is scheduled on Thursday, August 1, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at the NMHC Conference Room, Garapan, Saipan. The public is welcome to submit written or oral comments regarding the agenda below. Individuals interested in attending the meeting and needing special accommodations are requested to contact NMHC in advance.

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
a. Call to Order
b. Roll Call
c. Adoption of Agenda
d. Adoption of Minutes
i. Thursday, May 2, 2013 – Regular Board Meeting Minutes

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS
III. CORPORATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
a. Division Monthly Reports
b. LIHTC Program – On-going Compliance Monitoring Briefing
c. Update on USDA RD Guaranty and Plan of Action
d. Update on CDBG Matters
e. Update on NSP3
f. Update on Program and Housing Division Matters
g. Update on Mortgage & Credit Division Matters
1. Loans for Review and Approval
h. Requests for Garapan Annex Units

IV. FIELD OFFICE REPORTS
a. Rota Field Office
b. Tinian Field Office

V. FISCAL AFFAIRS
a. Amended FY 2014 Budget
b. Fiscal Division Audit Reports
c. Unaudited Financial Statement as of June 30, 2013

VI. LEGAL COUNSEL'S PENDING/ONGOING REPORT
VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION
VIII. OTHER MATTERS
IX. ADJOURNMENT

(Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a) (7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session.)

/s/ MARCIE M. TOMOKANE
Chairwoman of the Board

Joaquin Angui Amirez
P.O. Box 504845
Saipan, MP 96950
Tel: 483-9665

Pro se:

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SERAFIN MAGOFNA AMIREZ and DONICIA ANGUI AMIREZ, Deceased.	CIVIL ACTION NO. 13-0130-B NOTICE OF HEARING
--	---

NOTICE is hereby given that a Petition for Letters of Administration seeking appointment of Joaquin Angui Amirez as Administrator of the Estate of Serafin Magofna and Donicia Angui Amirez (Deceased), was filed in the above Court. A hearing has been set for the above-entitled matter and will be held in Courtroom 223A of the Commonwealth Superior Court, located at the House of Justice-Guma Hustisia-Imwal Aweewe, Susupe, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands at 1:30 p.m. on September 10, 2013.

All persons having any objection to the petition, or having a claim against the Estate or against the deceased, should file their claim with the Clerk of Court of the Commonwealth Superior Court within sixty (60) days after publication of this notice.

Dated this 23rd day of July 2013.

/s/ Clerk of Court

Water outage in Dandan, Kannat Tabla on July 25

Residents of Dandan (Airport Road), Fina Sisu (Chalan Msgr. Martinez Road), and Kannat Tabla (Chalan Msgr. Guerrero Road) will experience a 10-hour water outage on Thursday, July 25, 2013, from 8am to 6pm, according to a Commonwealth Utilities

Corp. statement yesterday.

The purpose of this water outage is to allow CUC's contractor, GPPC Inc., to make the connection to the existing waterline located on Chalan Msgr. Road across the Dandan Shell gas station. GPPC Inc. will be making

service lateral connections on the new 12-inch waterline from Herman's Bakery to the Dandan Shell gas station. This project is part of the San Vicente Service Area Extension Project funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The water outage will affect residents living on Chalan Tun Herman Pan Rd. (Airport Rd.), Fina Sisu residents living along

Chalan Msgr. Martinez Road, and Kannat Tabla residents living along Chalan Msgr. Guerrero Road.

CUC encourages its customers to call the CUC Call Center at (670) 235-0282 or 235-2282 if you have any complaints about having no water or low water pressure as GPPC Inc. transfers CUC's existing customers from the old 8-inch ACP

waterline to the new 12-inch PVC C900-07 waterline.

"CUC apologizes in advance for any inconvenience resulting from this project and the water service interruption," the CUC statement said. "CUC's operations team and GPPC, Inc. will be working hard to return service to our customers in these affected areas as soon as possible."

Because of the scale of the

work to be performed, CUC recommends that motorists take alternate routes or to exercise caution when driving through the construction sites. One-lane closures are to be expected on Airport Rd. as GPPC Inc. begins the construction work for road restoration.

Direct inquiries to project manager Yvonne Cabrera at (670) 235-7025-30 Ext. 324. (CUC)

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

USS Albuquerque visits Saipan

The USS *Albuquerque* arrived at Charlie Dock, Saipan yesterday with its 143 officers and enlisted servicemen. The USS *Albuquerque* will remain ported on Saipan until July 29. The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will host a welcoming reception at Godfather's from 6pm to 8pm on Friday, July 26. All Chamber members and the general public are welcome to attend to greet the USS *Albuquerque*, continuing the tradition of mak-

ing Saipan the premier Moral Welfare and Relaxation Pacific destination for visiting U.S. military vessels and their personnel. (PR)

Tinian Soil and Water Conservation District meeting

Those interested in participating in the Tinian and Aguiguan Soil and Water Conservation District are invited to attend a re-organizational meeting on Aug. 1, 2013, at the Fleming Restaurant at 9am. (PR)

Las Vegas Night will have Halloween theme

Ghosts and ghouls will share the limelight with crap tables and the roulette wheel when the Rotary Club of Saipan hosts its very popular Las Vegas Night on Oct. 26, 2013, at a still yet-to-be-determined venue.

During their weekly meeting at the Hyatt Regency Saipan yesterday, Rotary president Laila Y. Boyer announced that the civic organization recently

obtained its one-day gambling license.

And since Oct. 26 is just a few days from Halloween, she said the local Rotary Club decided to adopt a Halloween theme for Las Vegas Night.

Las Vegas Night is the club's major fundraiser every year and raises funds for the organization's various community projects. Last year the event was held at the Saipan World Resort. It was graced by over a thousand players and spectators and generated gross proceeds of \$44,000.

The grand prize winner, Arnel Capati, won \$8,000 after he chose the cash award over a brand new 2012 Hyundai Accent GLS.

In related news, McDonald's Saipan owner Marcia Ayuyu renewed her membership with the club with a simple oath-taking ceremony yesterday. (Mark Rabago)



What is the H.O.M.E. Visiting Program?

- The H.O.M.E. Visiting Program is an acronym for Healthy Outcomes for Maternal and Early Childhood. The program sets out to improve the health and developmental outcomes for pregnant mothers and infants no older than 3 months of age who reside in at risk communities.

What is the purpose for this program?

- To strengthen the early childhood system in the community and to support families and communities in the development of children who are healthy and ready to learn at school entry. The program wants to also strengthen and enhance initiatives/activities, expand and improve coordination, and assure the provision of comprehensive services for families who reside in at risk communities.

What are the program objectives?

- Promote and maintain positive-child interaction and family involvement
- Provide and connect families to appropriate resources
- Protect and improve the health, growth and development of every participant served
- Produce and deliver quality service to families in at-risk communities

What Services are provided?

- Prenatal care planning
- Basic baby care
- Infant Massage
- Parenting techniques and information
- Developmental screening & activities
- Provide referrals to community resources as needed
- Parent Support
- Evidence Based Curriculum

How can I qualify?

- You are currently pregnant
- You have an infant no older than 3 months of age
- Reside in Kagman, Koblerville or San Antonio

A standardized screening tool will be used to identify families who are eligible to enroll and who will benefit from the program



This has been funded by Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), for more information please contact **664-4030/33/35**

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION
Tel. (670) 234-6866, 234-9447, 234-7689, 234-7670 • Fax. (670) 234-9021
Email: nmhc@nmhc.gov.mp • Website: http://www.nmhc.gov.mp

NOTICE OF AUCTION

The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC), as auctioneer and seller, hereby gives notice that all the rights, title and interests of NMHC in and to the following described real property will be sold at auction:

LOT NO.:006 T 18	SAN JOSE VILLAGE TINIAN	MINIMUM BID : \$	56,219.36
LOT NO.:006 T 201	SAN JOSE VILALGE, TINAIN	MINIMUM BID : \$	56,044.39

The auction will be open to the general public and will be held at NMHC's conference room, Garapan, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. on August 26, 2013, subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. **Minimum Bid.** The minimum acceptable bid for each property shall be \$(please see above).
2. **Reserve.** The auction sale shall be held with reserve.
3. **Rights and Duties of NMHC as Auctioneer.** Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable law of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, NMHC shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:
 - a. To withdraw any property listed for sale in this announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.
 - b. To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is struck off, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
 - c. To reject any and all bids.
4. **Bids.** Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in this notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Mr. Jesse S. Palacios, Corporate Director, NMHC, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950; Telephone: 234-6866; Facsimile: 234-9021; or to Law Office of Vicente T. Salas, P.O. Box 501309, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7455, Fax: 234-7256.
5. **Deposit: Payment.** A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale by cash, cashier's check or credit card (Visa or Master card). The remaining balance will be due within three (3) calendar days of the auction sale. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within three (3) calendar days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the aforementioned property will automatically revert to NMHC.
6. **Change of Terms.** NMHC reserves the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.
7. **Inspection and No Warranty.** Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property. The interests of NMHC in the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property or any related documents will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.
8. **Lease with Option to Purchase.** NMHC gives notice that it will also consider bids or offers to lease the property, subject to the following additional terms and conditions:
 - a. The Lease Price bid shall not be less than the listed Minimum Bid price.
 - b. An up-front payment of ten percent (10%) of the Lease Price must be paid upon award by cash, cashier's check or credit card (Visa or Master card).
 - c. The balance of the Lease Price shall accrue interest at six percent (6%) per annum.
 - d. Monthly payments of the Lease will be considered rental payments only and not installments toward purchase and shall not grant the lessee any equity or ownership interest in the property or be construed in any way to encumber NMHC's rights, title and interest in the property beyond the granting of a lease for a specific term of years.
 - e. Maximum acceptable Lease term shall be thirty (30) years.
 - f. A lease agreement will be given upon receipt of the up-front payment and shall include:
 - i. No alterations or improvements without the prior written consent of NMHC.
 - ii. Lessee to insure property and improvements during the Lease term.
 - iii. Lessee responsible for all utilities and other charges associated with the property.
 - iv. Lease not to be assigned or mortgaged without prior written consent of NMHC.
 - v. Failure to make a monthly payment grounds for termination and eviction.
 - vi. Lease may, at the request of lessee, contain an Option to Purchase provision exercisable upon: (A) payment in full of the Lease Price; (B) the Lease not having been declared to be in default; and (C) payment of \$100.00 option consideration. If the option is properly exercised, a quitclaim deed will be given.
 - g. In the event of competing lease bids, greater weight will be given to the leasehold offer with the better price, shorter term and larger monthly payments.

Dated this 22nd day of July, 2013

/s/ Jesse S. Palacios, Corporate Director
Northern Marianas Housing Corporation



A total of 16 Kinpachi Restaurant staff and Saipan Awa-odori Team members take part in PDM Promoters, Inc.'s monthly cleanup of the Paseo de Marianas on Saturday. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

PDM Promoters cleanup yields 800 lbs of trash

Volunteers of PDM Promoters, Inc. did light work during its monthly cleanup of the Paseo de Marianas and its surrounding environs last Saturday, filling up garbage bags with only 800 lbs of trash.

The bad news is that some people have yet to kick the habit of spitting betel nut juice in the tourist area's pavement, accord-

ing to PDM Promoters coordinator Sonia G. Siwa.

"Although not much trash were collected at the Paseo de Marianas area, it is disappointing to see that in spite of the efforts of non-profit groups to make the area clean and attractive for our visitors and guests, some are not cooperative and are messing it up with betel

nut residue staining the pavement," she said.

For the record, the Tan Siu Lin Foundation water-blasted the Paseo de Marianas just a month ago, according to Siwa.

Siwa is generally happy, however, with how businesses in the area have kept Paseo de Marianas clean.

"Since the removal of trash

bins, fountains, and ashtray bin along Paseo de Marianas, some business establishment in the area are now providing their own trash disposal bins," she said.

In all, a total of 10 Kinpachi Restaurant staff and six Saipan Awaodori Team members took part in the cleanup on July 20.

Siwa also thanked the Division of Environmental Quality for assisting PDM Promoters in disposing of the trash they collected without fee at the trash station.

PDM Promoters is community group known for its cultural dance group, the Saipan Awa-odori Team, and for keeping the Paseo de Marianas spick and span throughout the year.

The group's monthly cleanups collect up to 1,000 lbs of trash during these drives. Aside from the TSL Foundation, other major sponsors of PDM Promoters are DFS Galleria Saipan and Docomo Pacific. *(Mark Rabago)*

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

July 24, 2005

Privatization negotiation down to cost, personnel

The remaining issues on the awarding of a power privatization contract involve costs and personnel matters, according to the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. consultant Dennis Swann. In an interview, Swann, who is vice president of U.S.-based consulting firm Harris Group, said the contract has not been awarded because parties are still discussing key issues, particularly costs and personnel. CUC is believed to be choosing between two proposers: Telesource and Rolls Royce.

House to identify funding for CUC

To boost the possibility of repealing the fuel surcharge, the House leadership is making a last-minute move to identify sources of funds for the financially distressed Commonwealth Utilities Corp. This came about after Gov. Juan N. Babauta threatened to veto House Bill 14-343 next week unless there is a guarantee from the Legislature that appropriations would be made to CUC so it can buy fuel for the next 15 months. H.B. 14-343 seeks to repeal the fuel surcharge law. The governor said CUC needs \$31 million to purchase fuel during the specified period.

July 24, 2006

CUC looks to piggyback on Napocor to save on fuel purchases

The Fitial administration is mulling the possibility of piggybacking on the Philippines' National Power Corp. to save on fuel costs. Gov. Benigno R. Fitial on Friday announced a plan to enter into an arrangement where the Philippine power company would include the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s needs in its fuel purchases. "This kind of arrangement is advantageous to the CNMI. As you know, when Napocor buys fuel from Shell, they get premium discount. We can avail of that discount if we ride on Napocor's back and have them purchase for CUC as though Saipan were an island in the Philippines," Fitial explained.

CTC seeks approval of NTT DoCoMo deal

The Commonwealth Telecommunications Commission has urged the Federal Communications Commission to approve Japan's NTT DoCoMo Inc.'s application for assignment and control of Guam Cellular and Paging Inc. and Guam Wireless Telephone Co. LLC to DoCoMo. CTS chairman J. Michael Fitzgerald told FCC chairman Kevin J. Martin that DoCoMo's involvement in the community will enhance CNMI's principal industry-tourism. "Our core visitor group has been the Japanese, who make up roughly two-thirds of our tourists. Many of them will feel more comfortable here with access to many of the services they presently receive at home," said Fitzgerald in his letter to Martin. The CTS chairman reminded FCC that it would not be the first offshore investor to buy a telecommunications firm in the CNMI.

July 24, 2007

'Potential IRs a burden to NMI'

The leadership of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce expressed fear that, if granted nonimmigrant visas, thousands of long-term nonresident workers and their families could be "an immense burden" to the CNMI. In testimony presented Thursday to the U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, Chamber president Juan T. Guerrero reiterated the group's opposition to the "grandfather clause" in S. 1634, allowing workers who have lived in the Commonwealth for more than five years the right to "lawful nonimmigrant" status. "Such action allows these individuals the right to remain in the Commonwealth (or, for that matter, relocate to the mainland United States) for purposes of living and working. This action would allow the right to immigrate family members to the Commonwealth under "immediate relative" status."

CNMI opposes letting feds keep labor processing fees

Commonwealth officials oppose a provision of the NMI immigration bill that would allow the U.S. government to collect labor processing fees during the 10-year transition period. The Fitial administration said the proposal would take away the CNMI's existing right to manage about \$5 million in annual resources. "[T]he federal officials not only replace local decision-makers on these critical economic matters but also appropriate the fees that under the current system are paid to the Commonwealth in a very significant amount," Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Gov. Timothy P. Villagomez said in an analysis of S. 1634.

POI Aviation invites qualified US workers to apply for the following position:

Accountant

Associate's Degree in Finance or Accounting with at least 3 years work related experience in financial management and/or payroll and general accounting procedures with emphasis on receivables and payable management. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 FICO system and MS Excel, Word and Power Point software. Must be able to work under time pressure and must work flexible hours. CPA not required.

Deadline: July 24, 2013

For details, please contact the Human Resources Office at 288-0360.

Equal Employment Opportunity Employer

Job Vacancy Announcement

(2) Bakers and (1) Cook – Must have previous experience of at least 2-4 years. Must be willing to work from 3:00 in the morning. Must be willing to work flexible hours including weekends and holidays.

(1) Commercial Cleaner, (1) Sales Support – Must have previous experience of at least 2-3 years and willing to work flexible hours including weekends and holidays.

Interested applicants please send your resume to:
LFP Corp. dba Marg's Kitchen
P.O. Box 5527, CHRB,
Saipan, MP 96950
NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE



D&Q Saipan Co., Ltd is a leading wholesale & distribution company. We are looking for an experienced, qualified U.S. worker, for the position of

WAREHOUSE SUPERVISOR

- This is a company management position that is hands-on. The position will involve supervision of a busy warehousing and delivery team with responsibility for all inbound and outbound shipments.
- Emphasis will be on employee safety, customer service, product and facility security, stock rotation and damage control.
- The successful applicant should have an Associate's Degree in a related field, and/or 5 years of progressive work-related experience.
- Must be a team player and able to communicate at all levels, both written and orally.
- The successful applicant will be result oriented and must be well organized, honest, reliable, punctual, and a self-starter.
- Computer experience necessary, ideally with Microsoft Outlook, Excel & Word. Some inventory software experience a plus.
- The successful applicant will be required to provide a police and traffic clearance. Must have a valid drivers license.
- Should have forklift operation experience and certification.
- Salary commensurate with experience.

D&Q Saipan is an equal opportunity employer that provides excellent pay and benefits, including company health plan, paid vacation and holidays, plus 401K Retirement Plan.

For more information please call 322 2706 or apply in person at CTSI Building, Lower Base. E-mail mpk@dandq-international.com

Consular Office of Japan

has an opening for a

CLERK

Qualification:

- US Citizen or Green Card Holder
- Fluent in English and Ability in Japanese Conversation
- CNMI Driver's License

Working Hours:

- 08:30 to 17:00 (Mon - Fri)

Starting Date:

- Beginning of October, 2013

Please submit a resume to our office by e-mail or hand deliver before August 15, 2013.

Contact:

Consular Office of Japan
2nd Floor of Bank of Hawaii BLDG,
Puerto Rico
Tel: 323-7201/2
E-mail: cojsg@ag.mofa.go.jp

Chamber warns of impact of POB

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO
haidee_eugenio@saipantribune.com
REPORTER

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce has asked Gov. Eloy S. Inos’ administration to “consider carefully” the future impact of a pension obligation bond issuance, not only on the NMI Retirement Fund but also upon the CNMI’s future and the lives of individuals and businesses. The governor just signed into law a measure authorizing the floating of up to \$300 million bonds to help pay off the government’s debt to the pension agency.

Chamber president Alex Sablan, in a letter to the governor, said these affected individuals and businesses would have to “live with the consequences of what everyone from the Legislature to our individual govern-

ment retirees now insist that your Administration acts upon.”

Press secretary Angel Demapan, when asked for comment on the Chamber’s letter, said it was received only Monday afternoon “and has been forwarded to the governor for his review.”

The Chamber, the largest business organization in the CNMI, has consistently opposed the issuance of pension obligation bonds “as the sole option to guarantee a viable continuance of the NMI Retirement Fund.”

“The Chamber recognizes what a collapsed NMIRF would mean to local businesses and our economy, but at the same time we recognize increasing public debt is never a good plan, or option,” Sablan told the governor.

The Chamber said that since

2011, it has offered alternatives to the POB, including reducing pension payments using a scale based upon the size of retirement pension payment amounts. It also suggested re-investing those sums as a means to increase the Fund’s viability.

“To the best of the [Chamber’s] knowledge, these measures have not been implemented,” Sablan added.

He said some say that the Fund was doomed from the beginning, but the Chamber does not believe that’s the case at all.

“We know every single legislative act affecting the NMIRF that has been made the past 25 years. We empathize with what this administration and Legislature must act upon to address the issue of a dying NMIRF; the past acts of former legislatures and administrations that cast the die for our current Fund,” he added.

Miah inks ‘global plea deal’ on 7 criminal cases

The controversial Mohammad Jahangir Miah has entered a “global plea agreement” that will resolve his seven criminal cases in Superior Court without going to trial.

Chief prosecutor Shelli Neal filed the plea agreement in court yesterday morning, *Saipan Tribune* learned.

Miah, 38, is expected to plead guilty on Tuesday at 1:30pm.

Attorney Colin Thompson is counsel for Miah in the seven cases.

In October 2012, the Superior Court dismissed one case charging Miah with receiving stolen items belonging to a public school.

In January 2013, Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo dismissed another criminal case that charged Miah with receiving stolen property and violating the terms of his release in other cases.

In April 2013, Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho dismissed another

criminal case that charged Miah with receiving stolen property and four counts of criminal contempt.

In July 2012, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona acquitted Miah in a criminal case of conspiracy to forge stale CNMI tax refund checks.

In March 2013, Manglona sentenced Miah to 21 months in prison for the production of fraudulent CNMI driver’s licenses. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)



EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT MANAGER

Our Resort is looking for a dynamic candidate with a strong and all around experience in Hotel operations. The Executive Assistant Manager shall assist the General Manager in developing and executing business plans and will be responsible for keeping a perfect coordination between all departments with focus on guest satisfaction, development of people, financial results and quality assurance.

- As the Executive Assistant Manager, the responsibilities include but are not limited to:
- Assisting in the day-to-day management of the Resort and its staff, budgeting and financial management, planning, organizing and directing of all Resort services, including Front Office, (reception, concierge, reservations), Food and Beverage, Housekeeping and Engineering functions
 - Writing and reviewing reports, monitoring department operations, ordering inventory, and conducting operations/service reviews
 - Regular ongoing monitoring of staff to ensure the adherence to pre-established policies and procedures and find ways to address problems and improve guest services
 - Daily property inspections and interaction with everyone from employees to management to guests and other stakeholders

Qualifications:

- Minimum Education: Associate’s Degree preferably in Tourism, Hotel & Restaurant or Business Management
- Minimum Experience: Two years of experience in a similar role or in a high volume hospitality environment at a managerial level in Rooms Reservations, Front Office or F&B operations
- Ability to work flexible hours including nights, weekends, and holidays
- Must possess strong leadership and communication skills. Organized, motivated, analytical and creative, as well as comfortable in directing others
- Must be proficient in various computer software applications and has a proven track record of meeting budgets, an understanding of P&L statements and cost/inventory control

Interested applicants may send their applications to hr@kanoaresort.com. Application Forms may be obtained at our Security Office located at the back wing of our Resort. To be considered, applications must be submitted not later than August 31, 2013. Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

Kanoa Resort, Saipan is an Equal Opportunity Employer
Qualified Women, Minorities, Veterans and Persons with Disabilities are urged to apply.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

880 Duty Free is inviting qualified U.S. workers to fill the following positions:

Administrative Assistant (01)

Job Duties: Perform a variety of tasks related to the administrative support of the retail outlet such as: assist with Management team and needs of employees. Manage cash management processes. Maintain safe work environment. Mentor others in the performance of their job duties. Communicate effectively with all contacts. Accept and adapt easily to change. Support all company policies and procedures. Complies with all governmental agency rules and regulations. Ensure that all activities are consistent with company mission statement. Operate job-related equipment and meet physical demands of job with or without accommodation. Other duties as assigned from time to time.

Requirements: Prior experience preferred. Knowledge of standard office equipments. Knowledge in basic arithmetic. Flexibility to perform assigned tasks independently or as part of a team. Well-developed keyboarding skills and 10-key skills. Sense of urgency. Ability to manage multiple priorities and meet frequent short timeline goals and deadlines. Possess superb customer service and communication skills. English and Chinese speaking preferred.

General Manager (01)

Job Duties: Responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of the store; following and supporting Company policies and procedures; ensuring that sales, profitability, and customer service targets are met; and ensuring that the most suitable products and services are available to the customer. Identifies and prioritizes business needs to strategically schedule self and staff. Manages hiring, developing, training and motivating quality staff. Conduct performance appraisals and oversees conflict resolutions. Respond to customer inquiries and concerns. Prepare and submit reports as requested. Maintain highest level of honesty, integrity, ethical and moral conduct at all times. Enforces company policies. Maintain safe working environment. Mentor employees with their job performances. Operate job-related equipment and meet physical demands of job with or without accommodation. Other duties as assigned.

Requirements: 5+ years experience in retail as general manager of high-volume (\$10 million+ annual sales). Bachelor’s degree in appropriate field or equivalent experience. Basic reading, writing and math skills. Able to understand and communicate with verbal and written instructions. Well-developed ability to make appropriate decisions in stressful situations. Able to work variable shifts, including days, evenings, weekends, and holidays. Knowledge of standard office equipments. Excellent customer service skills. English and Chinese speaking preferred.

Inventory Planner (01)

Job Duties: Ensure appropriate inventory levels by location in order to maximize sales. Provide support by executing inventory investment to an agreed to assortment and sales targets. Build strong relationships with Merchants, Operation team and providing consistent, clear and pertinent communication. Allocate merchandise from Warehouse to Store. Set-up and maintain distribution requirements by store and corresponding assortment. Maintain parameters: lead-times, order cycles, service levels, forecasts, presentation and profiles, history exceptions, promotional events. Maintain a clean, consistent and organized database. Achieve agreed upon In Stock targets. Research and resolve SKU/Location issues. Manage distribution of discontinued and/or end of seasonal merchandise to effectively liquidate the inventory. Identify and action stock issues to maintain sales and presentation needs in the locations.

Requirements: 1-3 years planning/distribution experience. Knowledge and merchandising analysis and systems. Interpersonal savvy. Must have skills in analytical, functional and technical, written communication. Excellent customer service skills. Knowledge of standard office equipments. English and Chinese speaking preferred.

Logistics Assistant (03)

Job Duties: Perform a variety of tasks related to receiving merchandise and maintaining the retail outlet’s inventory management system. Supervise the receiving and unloading of shipments of various deliveries. Match carton counts to packing slips, invoices or other documents. Inspect boxes for visual damages. Ensure the team follows up on credit requests with shipping company or vendor. Notify Corporate Allocations department on damages, short shipped or delayed product. Maintain receiving logs. Pack and ship product to other locations as requested by the corporate offices. Communicate with vendor in regards to mis-shipped or substituted items to be returned. Verify all items scan into stores POS before sending to departments for processing. Close out all receiving documents on a daily basis. Oversee the entry of all department Purchase Orders into the PO Management System. Notify Department Managers of any Non Approved items on PO’s. Responsible for training all receiving employees on proper receiving procedures and update team as new processes are implemented or modified. Coach and counsel receiving employees regarding their job duties. Communicate effectively with all Store Prepare and submit reports as requested. Maintain safe work environment. Support all Company policies and procedures. Other duties and responsibilities as needed.

Requirements: High school diploma. Some college a plus. 2+ years retail experience. 1-2 years of prior working experience in similar fields. Prior supervisory experience. Prior retail experience preferred but not required. Knowledge of standard office equipments. Excellent customer service skills. Flexibility to perform assigned tasks independently or as part of a work team. Sense of urgency and ability to meet frequent short timeline goals and deadlines. Able to understand and communicate verbal and written instructions. Able to work variable shifts, including days, evenings, weekends, and holidays. English and Chinese speaking preferred.

Merchandiser (02)

Job Duties: Develop brand, classification and item vision to support Asian demographic profiles through acquisition, development and management of local vendors; set and follow through annual and seasonal objectives for each business and Vendor. Build cross-international office, one-vision assortments that support strategic, targeted, regional, demographic merchandising vision and are relevant (productive & profitable) oversee direct assortment planning that effectively addresses and delivers product; responsible for Floor planning as it relates to vendor space planning; manage and maintain in-store signage.

Requirements: Bachelor’s Degree or equivalent in Business management, Business administration Marketing or relevant field; Between 5 and 8 years merchandising experience in a fast paced, results driven organization; Excellent knowledge of product, domestic and international markets and brand negotiations; Ability to operate with complexity of time zone differences with strong communication skills and flexibility. Strong analytical skills and ability to communicate in a clear & concise manner; Passion for excellence demonstrated through results; Strong interpersonal skills, highly organized with strong attention to detail; solution based, energetic and team oriented; Strong computer skills – Intermediate to Advanced knowledge of Excel, Word and Power Point. English and Chinese speaking preferred.

Sales Associate: 33 full-time, 16 part-time

Job Duties: Persuade a customer to buy a product. Greet customers and ascertain what each customer wants or needs. Promote prompt and courteous service with a smile. Maintain a neat and tidy store. Replenish and tag merchandise. Arrange merchandise in the store floor. Enters purchases into cash register to calculate total purchases. Balances cash drawer and receipts, documents, discrepancies. Accepts cash, checks or bank cards for payment, completes check and bank card transactions according to established procedure.

Requirements: High school graduate for equivalent. Prior experience preferred. Knowledge of basic arithmetic. Well-developed keyboarding skills. Ability to manage multiple priorities and meet frequent short timeline goals and deadlines. English and Chinese speaking preferred.

Store Manager (02)

Job Duties: Identifies and prioritizes business needs to strategically schedule self and staff. Manages turnover by hiring, developing, training, and motivating quality staff. Communicates effectively with all contacts. Promotes open communication and assists staff with conflict resolution. Implements and monitors the effectiveness of inventory and cash controls procedures. Responds to customer inquiries and concerns. Ensures that appropriate products are available and effectively merchandised. Ensures that standards for quality, customer service, health, and safety are met. Prepares and submits reports as requested. Maintains the highest level of honesty, integrity, ethical and moral conduct at all times. Conscientiously strives to meet or exceed budgetary goals, understands how to achieve sales increases while maintaining expense controls. Enforces company policies consistently with all associates while providing leadership and maintaining management integrity. Other duties as needed to meet business needs.

Requirements: 5+ years retail experience with at least 3 years experience as store assistant or department manager. Bachelor’s degree in appropriate field or equivalent experience. Basic reading, writing, and math skills. Basic keyboarding and personal computer skills. Well-developed written and verbal communication skills. Able to understand and communicate verbal and written instructions. Well-developed ability to make appropriate decisions in stressful situations. Able to work variable shifts, including days, evenings, weekends, and holidays. Knowledge of standard office equipments. English and Chinese speaking preferred.

Retail Supervisor (05)

Job Duties: Responsible for assisting the Store Manager with managing the day-to-day operations; following Company policies and procedures; ensuring that sales, and customer service targets are met. Maintains operations for an assigned shift and may function as the shift manager. Align the customer experience to the company vision – ‘Exceptional People Delivering Exceptional Product’. Drive sales, clearance, promotions and incentive targets with passion. Focus on ways to increase and continually improve; ensure a high energy, positive floor experience for staff and customers. Effectively communicate the company objectives to Team Leads and Sales Associates. Review sales productivity and individual sales team member’s performance on a regular basis. Create and promote a positive work environment in line with Tan Holdings values. Provide effective team leadership through open communication, training, coaching and active encouragement to meet and exceed goals.

Requirements: 2+ years retail experience. Basic reading, writing, and math skills. Basic keyboarding and personal computer skills. Able to understand and communicate verbal and written instructions. Able to work variable shifts, including days, evenings, weekends, and holidays. Knowledge of standard office equipments. English and Chinese speaking preferred.

Visual Merchandiser (01)

Job Duties: Drive branding and business objectives/sales through excellent execution of visual merchandising and presentation. Utilize all company tools, visual talent, and knowledge to plan, map, and execute monthly floor sets incorporating appropriate store specific adaptations as necessary. Develop and implement brand appropriate solutions to address these unique needs. In partnership with store management, continually analyze and respond to business/selling trends, assortment needs, and guest feedback-proactively adapt merchandising and presentations as needed. Ensure all signing and graphics are installed and maintained to company standards. Maintain two-way communication with appropriate partners regarding visual merchandising and store maintenance. Actively participate in store-related meetings, training sessions, and store visits. Reference, share, and apply product knowledge information on an ongoing basis. Maintain neat, orderly, and accessible, prop and sign storage areas. Participate in cleaning and upkeep of the physical store at the direction of store management. Other duties and responsibilities as needed.

Requirements: College degree preferred. Minimum of 2 years experience in visual merchandising and presentation. Specialty retailer preferred. Strong demonstrated visual merchandising/presentation skills-detail oriented and self-motivated to execute to the highest standards. Knowledgeable of current fashion and visual merchandising trends and able to effectively interpret/apply to our brand. Proficient with basic computer programs (Word, Excel, Outlook), digital photography, and basic photo software. Strong interpersonal skills. Able to articulate and explain ideas and concepts. Excellent customer service skills. Strong time management skills. Ability to set and achieve goals in a timely manner. Strong organizational and process planning skills. English and Chinese speaking preferred.

Salary will be paid and positions will be filled commensurate with qualification, work experience and ability to perform. Worksite locations are on Saipan, Tinian and at all 880 Duty Free and Century Tours, Inc. offices. Applications may be obtained at the Kanoa Resort on Beach Road in Susupe, Saipan while resumes may be emailed at camille.orallo@saipan.travel. All resumes and applications must be submitted to the Human Resources Department at the Century Tours, Inc. Front Office no later than Thursday, July 25, 2013. Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted. Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

We are an Equal Employment Employer.
Women, minorities and disabled persons are encouraged to apply.

Opinion

Hafa Adair!

Saipan Tribune

THE CNMI'S FIRST DAILY NEWSPAPER
Volume XXIII, Issue No. 146Published daily at 2/F JP Center,
Beach Road, Garapan, Saipan, CNMI
Mailing Address: PMB 34, Box 10001, Saipan, MP 96950Jayvee L. Vallejera EDITOR
Mark Rabago ASSOCIATE EDITOR

MEMBER

AP The Associated Press

Pacific Islands News Association

EDITORIAL

Bolstering your brain against dementia

For years, the news about Alzheimer's and other dementia-related illness has been unrelentingly grim. We don't know many of the causes. We don't have a cure. Researchers warned that the number of people with brain-robbing diseases would double in the next three decades as the baby boom generation aged. In other words, if you lived long enough, you'd likely suffer from it.

Finally, however, good news: Dementia rates in England and Wales plunged by 25 percent over the past two decades, according to a recent study in *The Lancet*. Another recent study, from Denmark, found that people in their 90s now are mentally sharper than those who reached that age a decade ago. Researchers suspect, but can't say for certain, that such trends are also afoot in the United States.

Tentative conclusion: That slide into dementia and Alzheimer's with age may not be inevitable. New theory: Eating right, exercising and cutting out smoking is not only good for your heart and lungs... it may also help forestall dementia.

Dr. Marsel Mesulam, director of the Cognitive Neurology and Alzheimer's Disease Center at Northwestern University, told us these studies are "very exciting. The field had become pretty depressing with the news that the older you get, the more you lose cognition to the point where this could become almost inevitable if you live long enough."

Here's what anyone bent on preserving his or her gray matter into advanced age needs to know: What you eat, how well you take care of your health, how much you exercise, could well make a difference.

Researchers say those who keep their blood pressure and cholesterol under control are likely to fare better, possibly because they avoid dementia that is caused by ministrokes and other vascular damage.

Education, too, is associated with lower dementia rates. Those with more education tend to fare better than those with less. (Another good reason to finish high school and go to college.)

Make no mistake: Your lifestyle choices matter, and not just for dementia. Researchers reported last year in the *New England Journal of Medicine* on the impact of high cholesterol, blood pressure, smoking and diabetes on life expectancy. If you don't have any of those factors, your risk of dying of cardiovascular disease is amazingly low: 4.7 percent for men and 6.4 percent for women. But if you have at least two of those factors, you have a much higher risk of heart disease or stroke.

Researchers have theorized that keeping the brain active—via crossword puzzles, for instance—would help prevent a mental slide. Some suggested brisk exercise or staying socially engaged helps. Diet? Vitamins? Drugs? So far, there's no strong evidence that any of these prevent dementia.

Many baby boomers are terrified that their memories are slipping. If you've ever walked into a room and forgotten why, you know. If you've ever encountered a colleague on the elevator and blanked on his name, you know. If you've ever forgotten the end of a sentence while you were writing it...

©2013 Chicago Tribune



Red Flag Limo

Mianzi, China's preoccupation with "face" is back, and the foreign brand sedan appears to be the preferred status symbol. For the government apparatchik and the stuffy headed company heavyweights, that would be black, but the white hat guys prefer the white sedans.

In the two years we've lived in China, we encountered black sedans that speed through red lights even when there is a police car in sight, and ignored parking regulations even when local attendants were directing traffic. This last one almost got us to interfere when the driver of a high official defied instructions not to park in a restricted zone during one of our school's official functions, parked against the traffic in a pedestrian zone, huffed on an upturned nose as if to say, "Make me!" I kept my mouth shut.

We are in Shiyan, Hubei, the automotive capital of the country, aka an oriental Detroit. You name the brand name—BMW, Mercedes Benz, Buick, Mazda, Honda, Nissan, Ford, Citroen, Audi, VW, Peugeot, Hyundai, et al—and there is a shop to furnish locally manufactured parts and does repairs.

It is the local Dong Feng cars and trucks that got Shiyan on the map. Mao wanted a truck-manufacturing place that would be naturally defensible from external attacks, and decided on converting the town of Shiyan into an industrial base.

On the train ride into the city, we went through mountain tunnels more than we saw light of day. It is as if someone just took a tunnel borer and drove it horizontally through mountains for many miles. As GE of Detroit is more than just a maker of kitchen ranges and refrigerators, I am sure Shiyan did not stop at manufacturing cars and trucks. In any case, all production output from the city could easily be railed into the mountain tunnels for protection, should it be necessary.

Shiyan is still a high security city with not too many foreign visitors, even as the famed Taoist center of Wudang straddles the prefecture. Chinese tourists flock to the shrines. But its Yun Yang Teachers College across the hotel where I stayed has big words splashed in huge signs in front of its campus (two are covered). We saw "civilization," "educacion" (Spanish), "science," "teacher," and "umweltschutz" (Deutsch for ecology). Seven native English speakers are in the English Department staff for 6,000 students last year.

Like many cities we have seen so far, Shiyan does not hesitate to cut a mountain to size, especially if the minerals had already been mined. Tunneling seems to come with the territory. But the city's layout is still strung out along its valleys and gullies. It is no Chicago or L.A., more like towns in Appalachia, Cumberland, Smokey, or the Rockies.

As is our habit when we hit a city, we take the bus(es) in front of the hotel and go from one end to the other. One such trip ended in a water park where people swam. We ran into a supervisor at Dong

By JAIME VERGARA

Special to the Saipan Tribune

Jaime R. Vergara (jrvergara2031@aol.com) is a former PSS teacher and is currently writing from the campus of Shenyang Aerospace University in China.



Feng out to lunch, and he suggested that a more pristine natural environment is not too far from the city; he immediately took to the phone to contact a friend who might offer us reasonable lodging.

To his surprise, he discovered that the "authorized foreigner hotel" rule is in effect, but as a favor, if I did look like an oriental, would keep my mouth shut, and stay only overnight, his friend would book me a room.

When I was in Chongqing and did my bus routine, I sat with a young man who spent four months as an exchange student in Brooklyn. He was only too eager to rehearse his oral English.

"If you ask young people who it is they admire most, Mao would be No. 1," he said, probably toeing the official line, "but do you know who the second one would be?" I thought that either Zhou Enlai, or Deng Xiaoping would be a contender. He added: "Mao Anying, who was killed in Korea. Had he not been killed, China would be ruled like North Korea's (Chiaotian) dynastic Kims." Mao said upon learning of the death of his heir apparent, "Sacrifice is required of everyone." China's dynastic succession was cauterized. Our Brooklyn lad says he has Anying to thank for when he thinks of his "freedom" (we use his term).

China is reviving the Red Flag limo (a clunker China designed for foreign dignitaries like Nixon and Bob Hope), developed after Mao got tired of being shuttled in a Soviet Volga. For austerity measures, Deng Xiaoping shelved the line. Now it is coming back. We read from the foreign media that China's insecurity is asserting native pride.

I say, really? Eighty percent of cars in China are foreign gas-guzzlers. The extensive highways China built favors foreign automobiles. Dong Feng of Shiyan, at least, build the trucks and the semis on the road.

Since China favors green technology, maybe the Red Flag limo might develop an ecology-friendly model that runs on electricity or natural gas, built out of light but sturdy metals. What my CQ bus seatmate conveyed was that freedom is not an abstract, ideological principle. It is exercised in practical considerations, like the freedom of the hotel proprietor to let me stay in his premises on the borderline of violating the law.

The future is open; we only have to decide. Red Flag limo. Go, Shiyan!

EDITORIAL POLICY

Letters to the editor must include the NAME, VILLAGE ADDRESS, and CONTACT NUMBER of the contributor. Letters that do not have these information will immediately be trashed. Contributions consisting of 500 words or less have more chances of getting published. The *Saipan Tribune* reserves the right to publish a contribution or not; the right to edit submissions for length, accuracy, and clarity; and the right to publish and distribute contributions in print, electronic, or other media formats. Submissions may be sent via snail mail to the 2nd Floor, JP Center, Beach Road, Garapan, Saipan, 96950; fax (670) 235-3740; e-mail to editor@saipantribune.com; or through our website at www.saipantribune.com.

Strengthening journalistic integrity

Yellow journalism basically relates to presentation of news stories with little or no legitimate well-researched material to support the story. The technique includes exaggeration, spins premised on bias, scandal mongering, or sensationalism.

Obviously, these reporters have no regard for journalism as a venerable institution with high standards focusing on the search for the ultimate truth. It's the purview of people who are sturdy minded and ever mindful of professional ethics, fairness, and integrity.

This form of journalism has spread like wildfire in the former AG's (Ed Buckingham) case and others accused of obstruction of justice. It's sensationalism in all its form and substance, so far removed from the discipline I learned in traditional journalism years ago.

Appalling the purposeful exclusion of a basic tenet in the profession known as "verification" of information. This is what my journalism professor calls "major error in fact." It's a sure path to flunking the course. For reporters who simply ignore it, you just flunked Newswriting 101. If I were editing your materials then I would have insisted for thorough answers on the following questions:

Did you verify whether the officers of the peace have gone to trial? If not, then why call any of them "criminals?" Isn't this a sure path for libel suits? Would not the use of "defendant" the more neutral and less problematic attribution?

Would these guys haunt you in court after they are absolved of any and all accusations? Would not there be reciprocal shift in role where you end up a defendant for defamation? Would they be free to call you a "criminal" too?

Why the sniper-like paradigm even on those associated with the case? Is it difficult facing your subject in an attempt to secure the truth? The Northern Islands trip is a good case in point. The reporter emulated Nancy Pelosi's shortsightedness, "Let's pass it [Obama-

care] and find out what's in it later." Ludicrous!

Due process rights

I find this a new low in a profession I've treaded for over 40 years. It seems a competition of recklessness and purposeful defamation to satisfy a bias, ignoring justice altogether. If you're out to sabotage the truth that results in the ruination of the reputation of the innocent, then it's time to hang your hat.

The arrogance to purposely ignore the person's "due process" rights is fatally precipitous and gives credence to the suspicion that you're out to convict them outside a competent court of law. This is a dangerous modus, in complete violation of journalistic standards where reporters simply elect to ignore the constitutional rights of defendants. That you've failed the integrity test makes your removal timely. After all it's a profession solely reserved for the sturdy minded.

Is libelous spin the new journalistic tool to hasten shepherding public perception solely reliant on a reporter's inadequacies? Without fairness, isn't incompetence the next pit stop to the abyss of yellow journalism? Is the listening and reading public supposed to accept thoughtless and inadequate news reports as gospel truth? Fortunately, the public is most capable in discerning the truth as your credibility concurrently sinks!

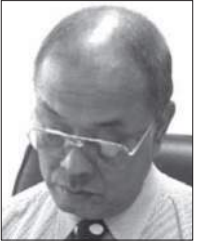
Journalists report on what happened, employing the power of detachment in scribbling straight news stories. In other words, you don't become a part of the story by injecting wrongful spins that paint the accused as though he has already been convicted of a crime. How well you use the power of detachment in writing a straight news article shapes your credibility. Unfortunately, some ill equipped reporters pretend to know the term credibility, only to drift off struggling against his/her obvious lack of clear understanding what it entails.

The term implies commitment to truth, fairness, and objectivity. It's important that one demonstrates fairness consistently. Further-

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.

Special to the Saipan Tribune

John DelRosario Jr. is a former publisher of the Saipan Tribune and a former secretary of the Department of Public Lands.



more, you have to demonstrate the ability to look at the larger picture rather than a myopic view of issues and long-term rather than a short-term perspective. You should also consistently show strong emotional character and integrity; that is, that you're not known for mood extremes or inconsistent performance. It's the journalistic bar you must strive to attain and guard at all cost! It's the tool used for years by retired CBS news anchor Walter Cronkite, the most trusted man in America.

Too, people assign you a degree of credibility based on how they rate you on the interplay between the elements of credibility: integrity, expertise, sound judgment, relationship sensitivity, and likeability. Perceived credibility is a package deal. Understanding the elements of credibility provides you with opportunities to boost your perceived credibility and your success. It's far more important than all your successes and achievements.

Yes, we've seen the innocent pilloried by publicity based on unsubstantiated claims or fully concocted negative spin as if he's already been convicted. We've also seen reputations destroyed by false accusations. "Truly, the effort to stay close to facts, to the truth, must be sustained to save the innocent." It's rudimentary stuff we've learned in high school civic courses. Static equilibrium gift-wrapped in yellow journalism is pure injustice, especially for the accused waiting for his day in court.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'You don't represent me'

A four-month-old non-profit corporation claiming to represent at least 7,500 individuals of Northern Marianas descent said yesterday that they are opposed to a CNMI-specific provision in a recently-passed U.S. Senate immigration reform bill.

"The NMD Corporation strongly opposes S. 744, Section 2109, as it will alter and disrupt the social, political, and economic livelihood and aspirations of the indigenous peoples of the Northern Marianas descent," the group said.

The sentence above is misleading, for we are group of indigenous Northern Mariana Islands descent and such corporation does not represent anyone in our families or group. After the so-called Northern Mariana Descent Corp. drafted its first resolution opposing the U.S. Department of Defense turning Pagan into a live fire training area, we tried to communicate with the organization and we were disappointed that we could not locate the whereabouts of their office and, to add insult to injury, no one knows their existence in the Marianas. Is this group a political powerhouse wannabe in the CNMI?

Article 1 Section 103 of the CNMI Covenant with the United

States states that: "The people of the Northern Mariana Islands will have the right of local self-government and will govern themselves with respect to internal affairs in accordance with a Constitution of their own adoption." After reviewing that sentence and the entire CNMI Covenant, there was not a single word about indigenous people of the Northern Mariana Islands. The key word mentioned was "the people" of the Northern Mariana Islands. After reviewing Article 3, Section 301 of our Covenant, the people of the CNMI refers to three separate groups which includes persons born in the CNMI, persons who were citizens of the Trust Territory "who have been domiciled continuously in the Northern Mariana Islands for at least five years immediately prior to that date, and who, unless under age, registered to vote in elections for the Mariana Islands District Legislature or for any municipal election in the Northern Mariana Islands prior to Jan. 1, 1975," and "all persons domiciled in the Northern Mariana Islands on the day preceding the effective date of this Section, who, although not citizens of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, on that date have been domiciled continuous-

ly in the Northern Mariana Islands beginning prior to Jan. 1, 1974."

We have respect for the so-called NMD Corporation, but do not claim that you represent us and get your facts together prior to barking foul play against anyone. Many of us want to rewrite our future, but we just need to move forward with our life and look at it in a positive way.

Mr. John S. DelRosario Jr. stated, "But we're a bit too late, having approved the Covenant Agreement more than 35 years ago." Let us appreciate the very entity that gave us the opportunity of our life time and we need to start respecting other ethnicities on our islands for they will continue to contribute to our existence.

Segundo Castro
Marpo Valley, Tinian

Misunderstood puzzle

It seems that our elected representatives in the Legislature are not on track again concerning the Board of Education teacher representative. The answer to this misunderstood puzzle is written in the CNMI Constitution. It is clear that the teacher representative shall be a member of a collective bargaining unit representing the teachers in the public schools of the CNMI. So, follow what the Constitution says, and for as long as the CNMI does not enact a collective bargaining law for its public employees, the teacher representative to the BOE does not exist.

Proposing legislation for an election by teachers to select the teacher representative to the BOE would be unconstitutional. The resolve to this matter is either amend the Constitution to remove any reference to collective bargaining representation or enact legislation allowing public school employees to collectively bargain with the appointing authorities in the CNMI government.

But, then again, the Legislature in its infinite wisdom must think deep and broadly whether collective bargaining is a critical issue ripe for the CNMI government at this point in its development quest and stability in governing. No short cut to this dilemma would suffice and prevail unless it is consistent and in compliance with the language of the CNMI Constitution.

Francisco R. Agulto
Kannat Tabla, Saipan

Guide tourism industry properly

It is important that we all look at the tourism industry closely as it is the most important source of revenue for our economy. We need to put in place policies that will enhance our image and not otherwise. Right now, anyone can with connection control the tourist flow without due diligence to the orderly practice that is common to the industry worldwide. For example, a tour agency can hire anyone that can speak the language and use that individual as their tour guide without proper knowledge of the site tourists are being brought to. Our tourist sites have historical significance as well as scientific explanations. Tour agencies couldn't care less as long as they make the buck.

We should care because we need consistency in what tourists say about us and our history or our tourist assets so that tourist themselves will or can use as a marketing tool as a result. NMC should have a course on this subject and only those who have knowledge of history and the tourist site's significance should be certified to perform these services (tour guide) to our tourists.

Also, we should revisit our 2012-2016 Tourism Master Plan and work on exactly what the tourist are asking for. In that master plan,

the main reason tourist are coming is because of our weather. Of course we do not need to do anything about that, that is a given. The second most important activity tourists would like to see more is eco-tourism. Our natural resources are what our visiting tourists want to see. Nice buildings and such are abundant in their countries. They want to be with nature where it is perhaps lacking in their country because most areas are now concrete jungles. And, of course, this is the best type of activity that we should focus on and promote because eco-tourism, as defined by the United Nations, promotes conservation while contributing to the wellbeing of the community by providing jobs and generating economic activities within the community it is in.






We should look closely and guide the industry properly so that the revenue due our government is received by our government and the integrity of the industry is maintained, and the people being benefited are not the clowns and the sharks out there.

Frank M. Atalg
Sinapalo I, Rota

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°

Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲89 ▼80
Palau	Showers	▲87 ▼75
Yap	Showers	▲93 ▼77
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲89 ▼80
Pohnpei	Showers	▲87 ▼75
Kosrae	Showers	▲87 ▼75
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲85 ▼79

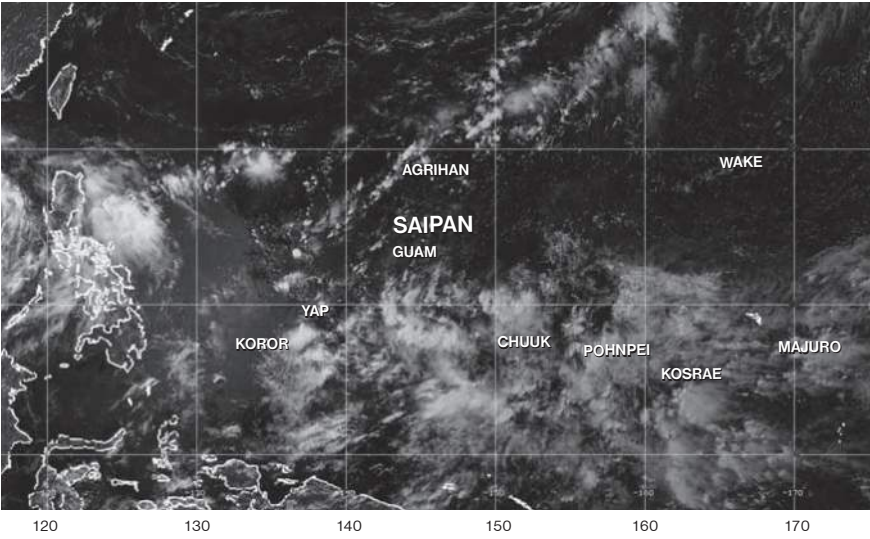
Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲60 ▼53
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	▲97 ▼73
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲88 ▼81
Honolulu	Showers	▲86 ▼74
London	Showers	▲82 ▼63
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲77 ▼64
Manila	Thundershowers	▲86 ▼79
Melbourne	Mostly Cloudy	▲58 ▼39
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲90 ▼76
New York	Thunderstorms	▲84 ▼72
Osaka	Thundershowers	▲91 ▼79
Paris	Showers	▲83 ▼66
Pusan	Windy	▲87 ▼75
Rome	Sunny	▲89 ▼72
Salem	Mostly Sunny	▲92 ▼58
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲65 ▼57
Seoul	Thundershowers	▲83 ▼73
Tokyo	Thunderstorms	▲81 ▼75
Washington, DC	Thundershowers	▲88 ▼75

Tides

Saipan Harbor			
3:39 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.9 Feet
8:49 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.1 Feet
3:59 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.5 Feet
10:39 PM	Today	High Tide:	2.1 Feet

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, TUESDAY, JULY 23, 2013
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

An upper-level trough runs northeastward from a low centered near 18N135E to beyond 25N at 150E. Low-level convergence combined with the upper-low is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms well north of Koror between 20N and 18N from 130E to 137E. Similar weather is found within 90 miles of a line extending northeastward from the far Northern Marianas at 20N143E to Minami Torishima to beyond 25N156E. A weak monsoon trough extends eastward from 10N130E to 16N140E to 11N155E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms cover a broad area of Micronesia between 11N and the equator from 136E to 155E. This area includes much of Yap and Chuuk states. A trade-wind disturbance is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms across Pohnpei and Kosrae states between 12N and the equator from 155E to 165E. Trade-wind convergence is triggering scattered showers and a few thunderstorms over the southern Marshall Islands including Majuro within 160 miles of a line from 5N166E to 6N180.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:57 AM	6:50 PM
Thursday	5:58 AM	6:49 PM
Friday	5:58 AM	6:49 PM
Saturday	5:58 AM	6:49 PM
Sunday	5:58 AM	6:49 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	8:00 PM	7:09 AM
Thursday	8:47 PM	8:09 AM
Friday	9:32 PM	9:06 AM
Saturday	10:15 PM	10:01 AM
Sunday	10:58 PM	10:54 AM

GET YOUR PICTURES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS PUBLISHED—FOR FREE

The *Saipan Tribune* accepts for FREE publication the following:

- PICTURES**
 - ISLAND SNAPSHOTS Birthdays, baptisms, christenings, family gatherings, reunions, club activities, and other community-related events.
 - BIRTHDAY GREETINGS A way for families and friends to greet their loved ones, accompanied by a picture of the person celebrating his/her birthday.
 - BUSINESS Corporate donations, volunteer work, promotions, granting of awards, team-building exercises, meetings and other activities by members of the business community.
 - SAMUT SARI Pictures from the islands' Filipino community, primarily focusing on Filipino activities, gatherings, get-togethers, volunteer work, etc.
 - TRAVELOGUE Pictures of off-island travels. Contributors may submit up to 10 pictures for consideration.
- ANNOUNCEMENTS**
 - COMMUNITY BRIEFS

- Announcements of upcoming activities of organizations, community clubs, government agencies, and private companies.
- CAMPUS BULLETIN Announcements of upcoming activities in public and private schools, as well as calendar of activities. May include PTSA meetings, enrollment procedures.

REQUIREMENTS

- For pictures:**
- Photos should be original and not copyrighted. Contributors must have the right to allow the *Saipan Tribune* to publish the pictures.
 - Digital pictures should be high-resolution (minimum of 800kb).
 - Must have complete details (who, what, where, when), the name of contact person, and phone number.
 - Photos must have been taken in the last two months.
 - For birthday greetings, must be submitted no later than 12 noon of the previous day to make it to next day's edition.
- For announcements:**
- Must have complete details (who, what, where, when),

- the name of contact person, and a phone number.
- Must be submitted no later than 12 noon to make it to next day's edition.

HOW TO SUBMIT

- E-mail: editor@saipantribune.com or jayvee_vallejera@saipantribune.com.
 - Fax: (670) 235-3740
 - Mail: PMB 34, P.O. Box 10001, Saipan, CNMI 96950
 - Drop off: 2nd Floor, JP Center, Beach Road, Garapan, Saipan
- To check if contributions are received, call (670) 235-6397, 235-2440, 235-8747

POLICY

- The *Saipan Tribune* reserves the right to accept or reject a contribution for publication; the right to edit all contributions, the date of publication, size of the picture, and page placement; and the right to publish contributions in print, electronic, or other media formats.
- The *Saipan Tribune* will decide how often community announcements are going to be published.
- For Travelogue, the *Saipan Tribune* reserves the right to choose which pictures to publish.

NEWS DESK For news tips, corrections and requests for news coverage, call (670) 235-NEWS (6397), 235-2440, fax 235,3740. E-mail: editor@saipantribune.com. Website:www.saipantribune.com.

CUSTOMER SERVICE For inquiries, purchase of back issues and complaints, call (670) 235-8747, 235-2440, fax 235-3740.

SUBSCRIPTION Published Monday to Saturday, *Saipan Tribune* offers door-to-door on-island delivery at an annual rate of \$160. For additional subscription information, call (670) 235-8747 or 235-2769, or fax 235-3740.

ADVERTISING For inquiries contact (670) 235-2769. E-mail: sales@saipantribune.com

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 23, 2013

DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA5070	4:35am	5:25am	2, 4, 6, 7	UA 5069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5062	4:50am	5:40am	1, 3, 5	UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA5068	8:35am	9:25am	Daily	UA5073	10:00am	10:50am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7
UA5074	11:20am	12:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA5075	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5076	3:10pm	4:00pm	Daily	UA5077	5:35pm	6:25pm	Daily
UA5078	6:55pm	7:45pm	Daily	UA5079	8:20pm	9:10pm	Daily
UA5072	9:45pm	10:35pm	Daily				
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily	DL298	10:25am	3:05pm	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:25pm	Daily	DL288	8:15pm	12:50am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	1, 4, 5, 7	OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1	OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily	OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	1, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	4:10am	8:00am	1, 5	MU763	7:55pm	3:10am+1	4, 7
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-KHABAROVSK (KHV)				KHABAROVSK (KHV)-SAIPAN			
SYL9950	6:40pm	1:30am+1	7	SYL9949	12:45pm	5:20pm	7
SAIPAN-VLADIVOSTOK (VVO)				VLADIVOSTOK (VVO)-SAIPAN			
XF1734	4:15pm	10:30pm	4 Every other week eff May 16	XF1733	11:20am	3:25pm	4 Every other week eff May 16
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN	PR110/UA5072	7:55am	6:25pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	DL172/288	8:00am	12:50am+1	Daily via NRT
UA5070/191	4:35am	9:55am	6 via GUM	UA190/5077	10:55am	6:25pm	3, 6 via GUM
UA5062/191	4:50am	9:55am	3 via GUM	UA190/5079	10:55am	9:10pm	3, 6 via GUM
DL287/173	6:05am	10:05pm	Daily via NRT	OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA5068/PR111	8:35am	4:35pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
US5074/PR111	11:20am	4:35pm	1, 5, 7 via GUM	UA184/5071	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5076/183	3:10pm	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM	OZ704/603	11:45pm	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
UA5076/183	3:10pm	8:50pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	UA184/5071	11:35pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	Daily via ICN				
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN	OZ746/603	12:30am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA5076/147	3:10pm	9:50pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM	OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ604/745	3:30pm	10:40pm	Daily via ICN	UA180/5071	10:45pm	8:05am+1	1, 5 via GUM
				UA180/5071	10:50pm	8:05am+1	3, 6 GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; VLK: Vladivostok Air; SYL: Yakutia Air.

ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The *Saipan Tribune* is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency	Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota				FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan							
FRE 1750	17:50	18:20	Daily	Tinian-Saipan			
Saipan-Rota				FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
Saipan-Rota				FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 400				FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily				
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily				



NMI CRIME STOPPERS

Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:

- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- *11 on any PTI cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.com

DPS gets free booklets on updated Commonwealth Code

The Commonwealth Law Revision Commission has provided the Department of Public Safety with free booklets on the Commonwealth Code that deals with criminal and traffic laws.

Law Revision Commission executive director Michael A. Stanker told reporters Monday that the Law Enforcement Handbook gives law enforcers updated criminal, vehicle and boating codes.

"It will hopefully reduce inefficiency and redundancy while they are in the field. And we're happy to be able to provide this to the Commonwealth," Stanker said.

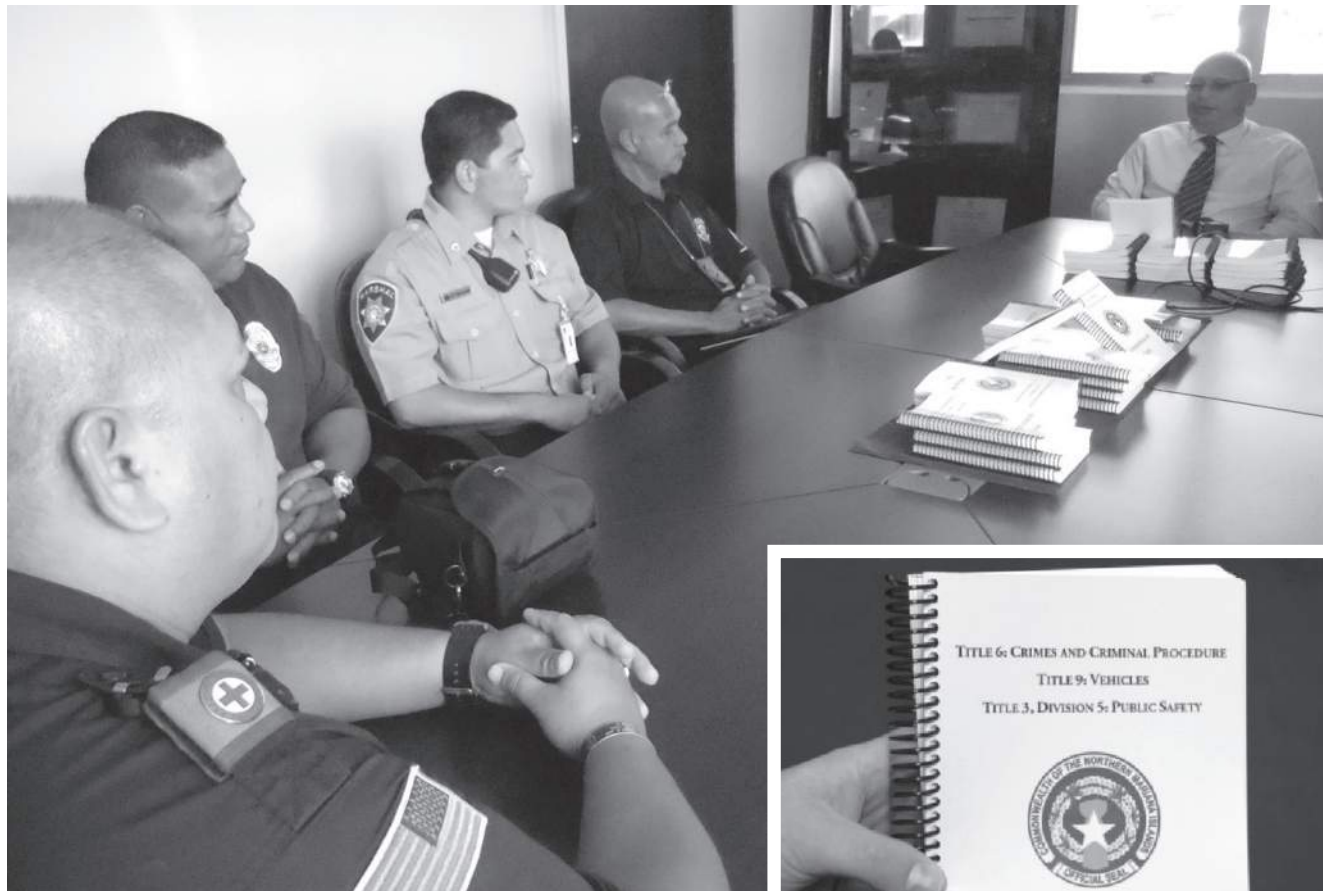
The Commonwealth Code booklet contains Title 6: Crimes and Criminal Procedure; Title 9: Vehicles; and Title 3, Division 5: Public Safety.

LRC handed out four boxes of booklets.

Stanker said they are in the process of updating the Commonwealth Code and Administrative Code comprehensively.

DPS Commissioner James Deleon Guerrero expressed appreciation to the Judiciary and CNMI Supreme Court Chief Justice Alexandro Castro for the booklets.

"This will go a long way in terms of joint efforts so we have a better



FERDIE DE LA TORRE
Department of Public Safety Commissioner James Deleon Guerrero, far right, talks about the importance of the updated Commonwealth Code booklets that the Law Revision Commission provided DPS during a press conference Monday. Also in the photo are the CNMI's chief marshal Anthony P. Benavente, adult probation officer Simram Simram, and police sergeants Joe Saures and Sgt. Anthony Macaranas. Inset photo shows the new booklet.

sense of comprehension in terms of enforcing the criminal and traffic laws in the Commonwealth," Deleon Guerrero said.

The commissioner said the booklets will also be provided to Rota and Tinian officers.

He said they want to see how they can work with the Office of the Attorney General in providing some sort of training just to go over Title 6 and Title 9 of the Code.

This in turn, Deleon Guerrero said, will help officers to actually go out in the field and be able to effectively enforce criminal and traffic laws.

The Law Revision Commission obtained a grant from the Criminal Justice Planning Administration to publish the handbooks.

Copies of the handbooks were also given to the Commonwealth Ports Authority, Office of Adult Probation and Marshal Service Division on Saipan, Tinian and Rota.

The Law Revision Commission is composed of Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro, Sen. Ray N. Yumul, Rep. Christopher D. Leon Guerrero, Attorney General Joey P. San Nicolas, and Bar Association Representative Bruce L. Mailman. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

DPS, Commerce eyes crackdown on illegal taxis

By **FERDIE DE LA TORRE**
ferdie_delatorre@saipantribune.com
REPORTER

The Department of Public Safety and the Department of Commerce are planning on ways to effectively crack down on illegal taxi operators in the CNMI, DPS Commissioner James Deleon Guerrero disclosed yesterday.

Deleon Guerrero told the media that he met with Commerce Secretary Sixto Igisomar yesterday morning to discuss how to curb illegal taxi operations.

Deleon Guerrero noted a

number of incidents that have occurred as a result of illegal taxi activities. He cited at least one that resulted in the death of a person.

He neither confirmed nor denied that he was referring to the killing of bartender Emerita Romero, who reportedly got into a car that she mistook for a taxi.

"We don't want to continue to allow this type of activities to occur in the CNMI," Deleon Guerrero said.

He said plans are in the works on how to create a maximum im-

pact against illegal taxi operators. These include figuring out what type of authorities Commerce already has in its books that could be used as part of this effort as well as what DPS can do.

Part of the discussions, Deleon Guerrero said, is also to talk to members of the community through the media so that people are aware of the problem.

"Nobody likes to go out and fine people. Unfortunately, sometimes we have to do it because people are not listening or the law is not serving as an effective deterrent," he said.

Part of the discussions, he said, is to find a way for illegal taxi operators to become legitimate.

Deleon Guerrero stressed

that they are still in the preliminary stages.

He said that they may also reach out to the Department of Finance to see if there are tax laws that are violated by illegal

taxi operations.

He said they want to determine how they can come together to make sure that the maximum penalty is imposed to serve as an effective deterrent.

TCNI to do feasibility study on public transpo system

The Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority and the Commonwealth Public Transportation Advisory Board have selected the proposal by Transit Consulting Network Inc. of Keswick ON, Canada, to conduct the Saipan Fixed-Flex Route and Paratransit feasibility study for \$74,960, according to Thomas J. Camacho, special assistant for Public Transportation and chairman of the transportation board.

Two off-island bidders competed for the RFP; however, the COTA's Evaluation Committee reviewed the proposals and selected TCNI as the best proposal. The committee rated TCNI as the most qualified firm with relevant and past experiences on feasibility studies of similar projects, their project approach and schedule of completion, demonstrated capacity of ability to perform the work required, and costs.

The scope of work of the study includes a comprehensive

analysis of the past and existing transportation systems, existing and future land use patterns, travel demand patterns and roadway congestion issues. The consultant will also explore service delivery options that offer the greatest mobility and cost-effective system, said Camacho.

Additionally, the contractor shall identify high interest locations and points that includes, but not limited to, shopping, education, recreation, health care, employment, and faith-based services. Moreover, the consultant will assess and identify improvements necessary for projected long-term expansions of the CNMI transportation systems. The geographic assessment shall include existing roads, traffic data over the past three years, peak traffic times, traffic choke points, and areas of high occurrence of accidents.

The consultant and COTA will conduct public meetings on Saipan to gather comments,

inputs, information, data and to inform the community of the progress of the study. This is will be an opportunity for the public to participate. Community input and involvement is mandatory and the needs of minority and low-income groups are required. The community can participate and get involved at scheduled meetings in different locations on Saipan, surveys, and the Internet via the COTA website.

Project management for TCNI will consist of two key team members: Wally Beck, project manager; and Charles Fitzsimmons, deputy project manager, who have worked together on transit management for 25 years.

The study schedule of completion is 120 days (four months) from the date of the notice to proceed and COTA estimates the completion of the study in December. *(Office of the Governor)*



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



INVITATION FOR BIDS CUC-IFB-13-021

CONSTRUCTION OF 300K GALLON TANK REPLACEMENT FOR PAPAGO TANK

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), Office of the Executive Director, is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Construction of a 300K Gallon Tank Replacement for Papago Tank for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This project is funded by a grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the approval for project award from USEPA.

The selected firm shall have experience in construction and design of pre-stressed concrete and or welded steel water storage tanks. The work consists of demolition of the existing glass-fused, steel bolted 0.50 million gallon tank and its foundation; construction of the new 300K gallon tank as per approved design, foundation, tank appurtenances, and yard piping and connections.

The project is to be completed in **300 calendar days** from date of contract award.

The Bid Tender Documents may be secured, upon receipt of payment by the CUC Treasury Section by cash, check or credit card of \$100.00. The payment is non-refundable. The payment receipt shall be presented to the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled on July 11, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. (ChST), at the CUC Safety & Compliance Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No. 14, Joeten Dandan, Commercial Building.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This Invitation for Bids and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

One (1) original and Five (5) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-13-021, Construction of 300K Gallon Tank Replacement for Papago Tank" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on August 6, 2013**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. Insufficient copies of bid submitted can be subject to technical default and rejection of bid.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Payment Bond of one hundred percent (100%) and a Performance Bond of one hundred percent (100%) of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. For the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract, the Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurer questions, concerns and qualification shall be governed by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code. Please refer to their bidding requirements described in Section 002113 - Instructions to Bidders.

All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on July 19, 2013 to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Procurement & Supply Manager, via email manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to John Riegel, Water/Wastewater, Chief Engineer via email john.riegel@cucgov.org & Christi Lazaro, Water Division Assistant Engineer via email Christi.lazaro@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation.

ALAN FLETCHER
Acting Executive Director

Surveys show smoking rates in Niue fall to historic lows

NOUMEA, New Caledonia—The latest data to be published on smoking rates in Niue show that this small, isolated Pacific nation may be well on its way to achieving the goal of being “smoke free” by 2025.

Results just published from the 2011 WHO STEPwise approach to Surveillance survey,

which surveyed almost everyone residing in Niue, show that smoking rates have fallen to just 11.6 percent overall. More men than women smoke, with just under 16 percent of males smoking on a daily basis, compared to 7.6 percent of females.

A study undertaken over 30 years ago in Niue showed that

smoking rates were significantly higher in the past, with averages of 58 percent for males over 15 and 17 percent for females over 15. At that time as many as 60 percent of the overall male population were smokers.

Jeanie McKenzie, adviser on Non-Communicable Diseases and Tobacco Control at the Sec-

retariat of the Pacific Community, said, “This represents significant progress for Niue, particularly with getting smokers to quit. Niue has had a longstanding smoking cessation service, which can claim one of the highest quit smoking rates in the Pacific.”

The relatively high price of tobacco, coupled with contin-

ued public awareness about the harms from smoking and envi-

ronmental tobacco smoke are considered the key reasons for the drop in smoking prevalence.

To continue to reduce smoking rates, which would help the country reach the World Health Assembly target of reducing premature mortality from non-communicable diseases by 25 percent, by 2025, Niue could revitalize its Tobacco Control Bill, continue to increase the price of imported tobacco, enforce smoking bans in public places and villages, and ensure that cigarettes are not sold to minors. *(Secretariat of the Pacific Community)*



Liberation of Guam, Battle for the CNMI remembered



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo (D-Guam), General Mark A. Welsh III, Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force, and Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery to commemorate the 69th Anniversary of the Liberation of Guam and the Battle for the Northern Mariana Islands.

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Delegates Madeleine Z. Bordallo (D-Guam) and Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) recently joined General Mark A. Welsh III, Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force, at a wreath laying ceremony to commemorate the 69th anniversary of the Liberation of Guam and the Battle for the Northern Mariana Islands. The ceremony was held at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia, last week.

“Every year, we pay tribute to the American servicemen who fought and died in the battle to liberate Guam and remember the unfailing loyalty of all those who endured 32 months of a brutal enemy occupation on Guam during World War II,” said Bordallo. “We observe this important holiday to honor the memory of these men and women to ensure their stories, hardships, service and sacrifice are never forgotten. With many of Guam’s sons and daughters serving overseas and in harm’s way, we continue to be mindful of the high cost of freedom.”

“I thank General Mark A. Welsh III for his participation in this solemn event. Air support for invading U.S. ground forces played an important



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

From left, Guam first lady Christine Calvo; Chairman Jeff Miller of the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs; Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo (D-Guam); General Mark A. Welsh, Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force; and Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) greet guests in the trophy room after the wreath laying ceremony.

role during the Battle of Guam. I appreciate his leadership of the U.S. Air Force, which remains a critical component of our community on Guam, and I look forward to our continued work together on issues important to the Asia-Pacific rebalance.”

Distinguished guests at the wreath laying ceremony included Rep. Jeff Miller, chairman of the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs; Christine Calvo, first lady of Guam; Paul Jaenichen, acting Maritime administrator; Vice Adm. Paul Bushong, U.S. Security

Coordinator, Israel-Palestinian Authority Jerusalem; Rear Adm. Pete Gumataotao, Assistant Deputy CNO for Operations, Plans and Strategy; BG Fountain, acting deputy director, Army National Guard; Jim Monahan, executive director of U.S. Navy Sea Cadet Corps; Ambassador Winston Thompson of Fiji; Ambassador Charles Paul of the Republic of the Marshall Islands; Elesiah Malaga, the 2012 Guam Liberation Queen; Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force James Cody; Maj. Gen. Tod Wolters, director, USAF Legislative Li-

aision; and Maj. Gen. Vaughn A. Ary, Staff Judge Advocate to the Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps.

The Guam Society of America also hosted a reception in the Cannon House Office Building on Capitol Hill to commemorate the Liberation of Guam and the Battle for the Northern Mariana Islands. Bordallo and Sablan served as honorary hosts of this event, which draws large crowds every year and showcases footage from the Battle of Guam and features a sample of the Chamorro culture and food. *(PR)*

NMC English and math placement test schedule

The Northern Marianas College will be conducting the English and math placement tests on the following dates:

■ July 25, Thursday: 1pm, Testing Center (Bldg. I)

■ July 30, Tuesday: 9am, Testing Center (Bldg. I)

■ Aug. 1, Thursday: 1pm, Testing Center (Bldg. I)

Those who wish to take courses at NMC must take the placement tests. The deadline to apply for admission for NMC’s fall 2013 semester is July 31, 2013.

Before taking a placement test, individuals must first fill out a Placement Request Form at the Office of Admissions and Records (M-F, 9am – 4pm) and pay the \$25 fee for each placement test at the NMC Cashier (M-F, 8:30am - 4pm). Payment for the admission application fee will cover the English placement test fee. Students will not be allowed to take the placement tests without their processed Placement Request Form and a valid photo ID (driver’s license, passport or school ID).

Also, those planning on tak-

ing the placement test are highly encouraged to make seating arrangements prior to the test date by contacting Daniel Kintol at the Testing Center in Building I at 234-5498 Ext. 1350 or by emailing danielk@nmcnet.edu.

Note that part of the English placement test is computer-based when testing on Listening, Reading and Grammar, and the final part of the test requires a handwritten essay on a provided topic. Moreover, the math placement test is entirely computer-based with pencils and scratch paper provided at the Testing Center. Also, the use of approved types of calculators is allowed during the math placement test (contact Kintol to find out if your calculator may be used).

For more information or to make arrangements regarding the placement tests, contact Kintol at the Testing Center in Building I at 234-5498 Ext. 1350 or by emailing danielk@nmcnet.edu. For additional information about placement tests and NMC’s fall 2013 semester, log on to www.nmcnet.edu. *(NMC)*

Saipan to host Jehovah’s Witnesses district convention

The Jehovah’s Witnesses will hold its “God’s Word Is Truth!” District Convention on Saipan from Friday, July 26, to Sunday, July 28, at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

Over 400 devotees from Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan are expected to attend the three-day event.

The convention theme, “God’s Word is Truth!”, examines the reasons why people can trust God’s word, the Bible.

This three-day event will begin Friday, July 26, 2012, at 9:20am and everyone in the community is invited to attend. Admission is free and no collection will be taken.

In addition, two dramatic plays are set on Friday beginning at 3:20pm and on Sunday starting 1:25pm, which will bring Bible stories and their lessons to life.

An estimated 400 will come

to Saipan this weekend for the Bible-based programs. The same convention program will be held on nine islands throughout Micronesia. There are over 7,782,346 Witnesses in 239 lands. For more information or to download a free program visit www.jw.org/en/jehovahs-witnesses/conventions/.

Jehovah’s Witnesses is a millenarian restorationist Christian denomination with non-trinitarian beliefs distinct from mainstream Christianity. The organization reports worldwide membership of over 7.78 million adherents involved in evangelism, convention attendance of over 12 million, and annual Memorial attendance of over 19 million. They are directed by the Governing Body of Jehovah’s Witnesses, a group of elders in Brooklyn, New York, that establishes all doctrines. *(Saipan Tribune)*

Business

Bank of Hawaii posts \$37.8M net income in Q2

YOUR OFFICE COACH

By **MARIE G. MCINTYRE**
McClatchy-Tribune News Service



Marie G. McIntyre is a workplace coach and the author of *Secrets to Winning at Office Politics*. Send in questions and get free coaching tips at <http://www.yourofficecoach.com>, or follow her on Twitter @officecoach.

Don't make a new boss your enemy

QUESTION: I am extremely upset about a recent reorganization. For several years, I have been a project manager in an international nonprofit agency. As part of my job, I have always been expected to attend senior staff meetings and participate in critical decisions.

Last month, the board brought in a new president who immediately began making major changes. He created the position of program director, then promoted one of my co-workers to fill it. This guy is now my boss and has taken my place in all the important meetings.

I would still like to have a career with this organization, but I'm feeling very discouraged. Do you think I should talk to the president?

ANSWER: The answer to that question really depends on what you want to say. If you hope to convince the president that these moves were a mistake, then no, you should not talk to him. Nothing you can say would change his mind, and criticizing his decisions will only get your relationship off to a rocky start.

On the other hand, a positive, productive discussion about your role and his expectations might be quite useful. But even this conversation should be delayed until your disappointment and resentment are completely under control. These negative feelings are usually difficult to disguise.

Although your reaction to this sudden reduction in status is certainly understandable, I hope you realize that such changes are not at all unusual. Turnover at the top almost always results in a revised organization chart. But if you can support the president's vision and work well with your new boss, then perhaps the next promotion will be yours.

Q: Every day, I have lunch in the break room with a friendly group of five or six women. Unfortunately, one of them is a loud, messy eater. Although I try not to be judgmental, watching this woman eat literally makes my stomach turn. We all love her, but no one can figure out how to tactfully bring up this problem. What can we do?

A: Even if you use every known strategy for giving helpful feedback, there is really no nice way to tell someone she eats like a pig. Your slurping co-worker will inevitably get her feelings hurt, which may suddenly make your "friendly group" seem a lot less friendly. So you will have to decide whether confronting the issue is worth the risk.

Alternatively, you might ask a supervisor to talk with her, but since this complaint could only come from her lunch mates, those hurt feelings would still be there. For you personally, therefore, the most diplomatic choice may be to simply claim a seat on her side of the table so that you only get the audio, not the video.

Interestingly, in a bunch of guys, this problem would not even exist. Because friendly insults are an integral part of the male culture, someone would eventually exclaim "Hey, Jack—you're eating like a hog!" With women, however, the group dynamic is entirely different.

HONOLULU, Hawaii—Bank of Hawaii Corp. reported yesterday diluted earnings per share of \$0.85 for the second quarter of 2013, up from \$0.81 in the previous quarter, and down from \$0.90 in the same quarter last year. Net income for the second quarter of 2013 was \$37.8 million, an increase of \$1.8 million or 5.0 percent compared with net income of \$36.0 million in the first quarter of 2013, and down \$3.0 million or 7.3 percent from net income of \$40.7 million in the second quarter of 2012.

"Bank of Hawaii Corp. continued its trend of solid performance in the second quarter of 2013," said Peter Ho, chairman, president, and CEO. "Overall loan balances grew 3 percent from the same quarter last year as strong commercial, indirect automobile and certain other consumer loan growth was partially offset by refinance sensi-

tive loan categories namely residential mortgage and home equity loans. The organization continues to attract quality deposits with consumer and commercial deposit balances up 4 percent in the quarter from last year. Asset quality continued its trend of improvement in the quarter with lower levels of non-performing assets and a lower ratio of net

charge offs to loans. Expenses remained controlled. The recent trend in higher interest rates should positively impact our operating earnings over time through improved net interest margin. We would note, however, that nearer term, we will likely see a meaningful slowing in our mortgage banking business as the refinance market potentially slows and the purchase market remains impacted

by exceptionally tight housing inventory."

The return on average assets for the second quarter of 2013 was 1.12 percent, up from 1.08 percent in the previous quarter, and down from 1.19 percent during the same quarter last

year. The return on average equity for the second quarter of 2013 was 14.64 percent compared with 14.10 percent for the first quarter of 2013 and 16.19 percent in the second quarter of 2012.

For the six-month period ended June 30, 2013, net income was \$73.7 million, down from net income of \$84.6 million for the same period last year. Diluted earnings per share were \$1.65 for the first half of 2013, down from diluted earnings per share of \$1.85 for the first half of 2012. The year-to-date return on

average assets was 1.10 percent, down from 1.24 percent for the same six months in 2012. The year-to-date return on average equity was 14.37 percent, down from 16.73 percent for the six months ended June 30, 2012.

Total assets were \$13.73 billion at June 30, 2013, up from total assets of \$13.53 billion at March 31, 2013 and down from total assets of \$13.92 billion at June 30, 2012. Average total assets were \$13.57 billion during the second quarter of 2013, up from \$13.56 billion during the previous quarter and down from \$13.75 billion during the same quarter last year.

The company's board of directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.45 per share on the company's outstanding shares. The dividend will be payable on Sept. 16, 2013, to shareholders of record at the close of business on Aug. 30, 2013. (*Bank of Hawaii*)



Back-to-school shoppers expected to spend less

By **TIFFANY HSU**
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Shopping for a K-12 student is still an expensive proposition, but parents this year are planning to trim their spending and focus on necessities, according to a survey from the National Retail Federation.

The average expenditure for apparel, shoes, electronics and supplies will fall to \$634.78 from last year's record \$688.62, which was partly driven up by pent-up post-recession demand, according to the trade group.

In all, parents will shell out \$26.7 billion nationwide throughout the season. Separately, preparations for college will cost Americans \$45.8 billion, or \$836.83 on average.

The per-student college figure is down from \$907.22 last year and includes spending on clothing, technology, dorm furnishings and more.

Roughly 8 in 10 shoppers—whether buying for primary, secondary or higher levels of education—say they'll adjust their spending plans to deal with the economy.

"As they continue to grapple with the impact of increased payroll taxes, Americans will look to cut corners where they can, but will buy what their kids need," said Matthew

Changes in spending

Back-to-school shoppers are planning to spend less this year than last, according to some analysts, with a focus on essentials. Discount stores are the favored destination for school items.

Forecast spending from 2012 to 2013

Back-to-school

Electronics	-2%
School supplies	-6
Clothes	-6
Shoes	-12
Overall	-8

Back-to-college

Dorm furnishings	7
Food	2
Clothes	-6
Gift cards	-7
Shoes	-11
School supplies	-12
Personal care	-15
College apparel	-16
Overall	-8

Anticipated spending for 2013 school year | Back to school **\$635** | Back to college **\$837** | **-7.8%**

Source: The Conference Board, National Retail Federation

Graphic: Chicago Tribune/MCT © 2013 MCT

Where people plan to shop

Multiple responses in survey

School	Stores	College
67%	Discount	48%
62	Department	43
52	Clothing	31
41	Office supply	33
N/A	College bookstore	39
37	Online	37
26	Electronics	20
20	Drug	19
N/A	Home furnishings	17
14	Thrift/resale	14
8	Catalog	12



LEADING INDICATORS

DOW	S&P	NASDAQ
15,545.55	1,695.53	3,600.39
1.81	3.44	12.77
+0.01%	+0.20%	0.36%

EXCHANGE RATES

in U.S. dollar terms	Australian Dollar	1.0807	Indian Rupee	59.7525	Singapore Dollar	1.2643
	British Pound	0.6512	Indonesian Rupiah	10065	South Korean Won	1117.74
	Canadian Dollar	1.033	Japanese Yen	99.59	Swiss Franc	0.9367
	Chinese Yuan	6.1405	Malaysian Ringgit	3.1725	Taiwan Dollar	29.885
	Euro	0.7583	New Zealand Dollar	1.2512	Thailand Baht	30.965

Nation

Poll: Obama's job approval rating slides

By DAVID LIGHTMAN
MCCLATCHY WASHINGTON BUREAU

WASHINGTON—Stung by Americans' persistent worries about the economy and a capital gripped by controversy and gridlock, President Barack Obama is suffering his lowest job approval numbers in nearly two years, according to a new McClatchy-Marist poll.

The plummeting numbers—still higher than those of Con-

gress—come after weeks of rising gasoline prices, revelations about domestic spying and turmoil in the Middle East.

The disappointing results come as the White House this week looks to turn the national conversation back to the economy. Obama will deliver the first of a series of speeches Wednesday aimed at offering his vision for boosting economic growth, even as the new poll found that just 37 percent of the respon-

dents approved of his handling of the economy, while 56 percent disapproved.

Overall, the poll found Obama's job approval at 41 percent last week, a sharp drop from April's 50 percent and his worst showing in the poll since 39 percent in September 2011. Forty-eight percent disapproved in the latest poll, up from April's 46 percent.

Obama won re-election in November with 51 percent of

Americans are disapproving

President Barack Obama's job approval has dropped nine points since April, according to a new McClatchy-Marist poll.

President and Congress

• Obama job approval

Approve 41%

Disapprove 48

• His handling of foreign policy

Approve 41

Disapprove 48

• His handling of the economy

Approve 37

Disapprove 56

• Democrats in Congress

Approve of job their doing 33

Disapprove 57

• Republicans in Congress

Approve of job their doing 22

Disapprove 66

• More important for government officials to

Compromise, find solution 65

Stand on principle even if it means gridlock 27

• Things are going in U.S.

In the right direction 30

Wrong track 60

The economy and you

• Is the U.S. in a recession?

Yes 54

No 38

• This year, your finances will

Get better 29

Get worse 19

Stay the same 52

Source: McClatchy-Marist poll July 15-18, 2013, of 980 registered voters (questions 1-5); margin of error: +/-3.1 percentage points; 1,204 adults (questions 6-9); margin of error: +/- 2.8 percentage points
Graphic: Judy Treible © 2013 MCT



LANDING GEAR COLLAPSE

In this photo provided by Jared Rosenstein, a Southwest Airlines plane whose nose gear collapsed as it touched down on the runway is surrounded by emergency vehicles at LaGuardia Airport in New York on Monday, July 22, 2013. Southwest says eight people were hurt in the incident. The Dallas-based airline says in a statement that initial information indicated five passengers and three flight attendants have reported injuries in the landing Monday evening. There were 150 people aboard the flight from Nashville, Tenn. The Federal Aviation Administration says the nose gear collapsed just after the plane landed Monday.

Soul-searching in Cleveland after 3 slayings

EAST CLEVELAND, Ohio (AP)—The soul-searching has begun in and around Cleveland—again—as the chilling details emerge from the latest missing-women case to send a shiver through the metropolitan area.

A registered sex offender was charged Monday with murder and kidnapping in the slayings of three women whose bodies were found in plastic trash bags in a run-down East Cleveland neighborhood. It is the third major case in four years of multiple killings or abductions to haunt the Rust Belt metropolis.

"I do think we have to ask ourselves as a community the larger question: Why here, and what can we do to better understand the conditions that fostered this savage behavior?" said Dennis Eckert, a political and urban-policy consultant and former Cleveland-area congressman.

Some civic leaders say the explanation lies in the disintegration of neighborhoods and people's connections to one another, plus a general mistrust of police—conditions that make it easier for a predator to kill without others noticing anything or reporting their suspicions.

Cleveland was a robust steel town for generations but has struggled for decades, ever since manufacturing went into a decline in the 1970s. Today it regularly ranks among the poorest big cities in America.

Per-capita income is just \$17,000 in Cleveland and even lower, at \$16,000, in next-door East Cleveland, where the bodies were found Friday and Saturday.

Greater Cleveland lost more jobs than other big city in the U.S. between May 2012 and this past May, at a time when hiring was finally picking up again in many parts of the country.

Last year, Cuyahoga County, home to both Cleveland and East Cleveland, topped the list of foreclosures in Ohio with 11,427, according to Policy Matters Ohio, a Cleveland think tank.

A walk down almost

any street in East Cleveland brings the crisis home. Boarded-up houses and ramshackle apartment buildings are a common sight.

On Sunday, volunteers scoured 40 of those homes, looking for any additional victims of Michael Madison, the man charged in the latest slayings.

A foul odor reported by a neighbor led to the discovery of the bodies and the arrest of Madison, 35, who served four years in prison for attempted rape and a drug offense.

At a court hearing Monday, Madison was ordered held on \$6 million bail. He did not enter a plea.

The medical examiner has yet to establish the victims' cause of death; two were too badly decomposed to identify.

Authorities over the weekend said the victims were killed six to 10 days earlier. But the charges read in court specified a wider time frame for the alleged crimes—days or months before the bodies were found.

the popular vote.

"Clearly six months into his second term there's been falloff across the board. It's not like one group bailed on him," said Lee Miringoff, director of the Marist Institute for Public Opinion at Marist College in New York, which conducted the poll.

About his only solace is that the approval rating of congres-

sional Republicans, who control the House of Representatives, sank to 22 percent. One-third of registered voters approved of congressional Democrats' performance.

The dismal Washington numbers reflect "the ongoing, cumulative effect of those issues which have not been resolved" and no solution is in sight,

Miringoff said. Lawmakers remain at odds over how to trim federal deficits or write a federal budget for the fiscal year that starts Oct. 1, and Congress plans to leave Aug. 2 for a five-week recess.

Adding to the feeling of political inertia has been the distractions of other issues.

"When (Obama) gets away from talking about the economy, numbers have a tendency to slide," Miringoff said.

The president has been weathering a succession of spring and summer political storms. In May, news broke that the Internal Revenue Service had targeted for special scrutiny "tea party" groups seeking tax exemptions. In June, the administration was rocked by revelations about secret government programs that collect data from U.S. phone records and the Internet.

Foreign policy also is taking a political toll. This month, Egyptian President Mohamed Morsi was ousted, and Syria remained a bloody battleground. By a 48-41 percent margin, people disapproved of how the president is handling foreign policy. In April, approvals slightly outnumbered disapprovals.

What constituents want is comity and compromise. Nearly two-thirds said it's more important for government officials to find common ground, while slightly more than a quarter said it's more crucial to stand on principle even if it means gridlock.

Officials: Zimmerman helped 4 out of wrecked SUV

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)—George Zimmerman helped rescue four people from an overturned vehicle in central Florida last week, just days after he was cleared of all charges in the shooting death of Trayvon Martin, officials said Monday.

Seminole County Sheriff's spokeswoman Kim Canaday said in a statement that deputies responding last Wednesday afternoon to the wreck in Sanford—the Orlando suburb



Zimmerman

where Martin was shot—found Zimmerman and another man had already helped a couple and their two children out of a flipped SUV off the road near Interstate 4. They were not hurt.

Zimmerman spoke with a deputy at the scene and then left, the sheriff's office statement said. He did not see the crash happen.

This is believed to be the first time Zimmerman, 29, has been seen publicly since his acquit-

tal on a second-degree murder charge in the 17-year-old Martin's death in February 2012. Zimmerman's parents and his attorneys have said in interviews since the verdict that they fear for his safety because of those who may not agree with it.

A message left at the office of Zimmerman attorney Mark O'Mara was not immediately returned Monday.

Robert Zimmerman, Jr. on Monday posted on his Twitter account about

his brother's actions: "George saw a need, he acted. Our parents taught us to help, never to boast. Humility is George's finest trait."

Martin's shooting death spurred debate across the U.S. over racial profiling, self-defense and equal justice. Protesters nationwide lashed out against police in Sanford because it took 44 days for Zimmerman, a neighborhood watch volunteer, to be arrested last

year. Many, including Martin's parents, said Zimmerman had racially profiled the unarmed black teen. Zimmerman, who identifies himself as Hispanic, said he acted in self-defense during a fight with Martin.

Six female jurors, whose names have not been released, considered nearly three weeks of often wildly conflicting testimony over who was the aggressor on the rainy night Martin was shot while walking through the gated townhouse community where he was staying and where Zimmerman lived.

The acquittal prompted rallies nationwide in the days afterward calling for a civil rights investigation and federal charges against Zimmerman.

It also led to a sit-in at Florida Gov. Rick Scott's office demanding that legislators repeal the state's stand-your-ground self-defense law. The law, passed in 2005, generally eliminated a person's duty to retreat in the face of a serious physical threat. At least 21 states have a self-defense law similar to Florida's.

Asia

Quake in arid northwest China kills at least 75

BEIJING (AP)—A strong earthquake that shook an arid, hilly farming area in northwest China sparked landslides and destroyed or damaged thousands of brick-and-mud homes Monday, killing at least 75 people and injuring more than 400, the government said.

The quake near the city of Dingxi in Gansu province toppled brick walls and telephone lines, shattered mud-and-tile-roofed houses and sent cascades of dirt and rock down hillsides that blocked roads and slowed rescue efforts by crews trying to reach remote areas.

Hospitals set up aid stations in parking lots to accommodate large numbers of injured, while hundreds of paramilitary People's Armed Police fanned out to search for victims in the region of terraced farmland where the quake struck about 1,200 kilometers (760 miles) west of Beijing.

"I saw the bulb hanging from the ceiling start swinging wildly around. I woke my two friends and we ran into the bathroom to hide," said arts student Li Jingui, 21, who was on the fourth floor of a school dormitory in Dingxi when the shaking started.

"After the strongest tremors were over, we were worried that there would be aftershocks so we packed our stuff and ran out into a large clearing," Li said in a telephone interview.

In addition to the 75 confirmed dead, there were 14 people missing and 459 injured, the central govern-



In this photo released by Xinhua News Agency, rescuers clear the debris of a damaged house in quake-hit Majiagou Village of Minxian County, northwest China's Gansu Province, Monday, July 22, 2013.

ment's China Earthquake Administration said.

Damage was worst in Min county in Dingxi's rural southern portion, where scores of homes were damaged and telephone and electricity services knocked out, Dingxi Mayor Tang Xiaoming told state broadcaster CCTV. All but three of the deaths, all the missing and most of the

injured were in Min, a likely result of shoddy construction.

Residents said the shaking lasted about one minute, but wasn't strong enough to cause major damage in urban areas, where buildings are more solidly built.

"You could see the chandeliers wobble and the windows vibrating and making noise, but there aren't any cracks in

the walls. Shop assistants all poured out onto the streets when the shaking began," said a front desk clerk at the Wuyang Hotel in the Zhang County seat about 40 kilometers (25 miles) from the epicenter. The clerk surnamed Bao refrained from identifying herself fur-

ther, as is common among ordinary Chinese.

Tremors were felt in the provincial capital of Lanzhou 177 kilometers (110 miles) north, and as far away as Xi'an, 400 kilometers (250 miles) to the east.

The government's earthquake

Philippine leader loses patience over corruption

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The Philippine president said Monday three years of anti-corruption reforms have banished his country's image as the "sick man of Asia" but added he has lost patience over continuing problems such as large-scale smuggling and declared a tougher crackdown against wrongdoing in government.

In his state of the nation address that lasted for nearly two hours, Benigno Aquino III listed his administration's achievements midway through his six-year term, including a looming peace deal with the largest Muslim guerrilla group in the country's volatile south.

But critics demanded that more be done to battle poverty, unemployment and crime.

Police said at least 15 people were hurt when anti-riot squads briefly clashed with thousands of protesters demanding jobs and land for poor farmers outside the heavily guarded House of Representatives, where Aquino spoke.

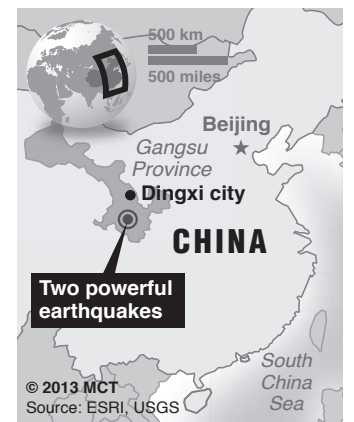
Aquino, whose mother was the late democracy icon and president, Corazon Aquino, and

whose father was a slain senator who fought dictator Ferdinand Marcos, won the presidency in 2010 on a promise to battle corruption and poverty following two corruption-tainted predecessors.

Amid a period of lethargic global economic activity, Aquino said the Philippine economy grew 6.8 percent last year then surged 7.8 percent in the first quarter of this year, outpacing many Asian neighbors. Standard and Poor's and Fitch Ratings earlier this year upgraded the Philippines' credit rating to investment grade for the first time.

"Did anyone imagine that a country known as the 'sick man of Asia' would, within three years of good governance, reach investment grade status?" Aquino asked.

While his anti-corruption and other reforms have started to turn around the economy and arrest a feeling of national drift, Aquino acknowledged that corruption, incompetence and irregularities have continued in government, singling out the Bureau of Customs



monitoring center said the initial quake at 7:45 a.m. (2345 GMT Sunday) was magnitude-6.6 and subsequent tremors included a magnitude-5.6.

The quake was shallow, which can be more destructive. The center said it struck about 20 kilometers (12.4 miles) beneath the surface, while the Gansu provincial earthquake administration said it was just 6 kilometers (3.7 miles) deep. The U.S. Geological Survey measured the magnitude of the initial quake as 5.9 and the depth at 10 kilometers (6 miles).

Initial measurements of an earthquake can vary widely, especially if different monitoring equipment is used.

Su Wei, leader of a 120-member rescue team from the paramilitary People's Armed Police, told state broadcaster CCTV that they were on their way to the epicenter, but progress was being slowed by mud and rock slides blocking the road.

and two other agencies dealing with immigration and farm irrigation.

More than 200 billion pesos (\$4.6 billion) is lost to smuggling each year, he said, adding Bureau of Customs personnel "are trying to outdo each other's incompetence" and have failed to stop the entry even of smuggled drugs and guns.

"Where do these people get the gall?" Aquino asked. "One can almost hear them say, 'I don't care if the weapons go to criminal elements; I don't care how many lives are ruined by drugs; I don't care if our fields remain barren forever; What matters is that I am rich; it's every man for himself.'"

Aquino said his patience has run out. "You were given three years to demonstrate your readiness to change. Now, I shall pursue all of you and hold you accountable."

After Aquino's stinging remarks, Commissioner Ruffy Biazon of the customs bureau said he had offered to resign. The heads of the Bureau of Immigration and the National Irrigation Administration resigned recently after Aquino publicly berated them for lackluster performances.

Airport blast leads China to reflect on injustice

BEIJING (AP)—For eight years, motorcycle taxi driver Ji Zhongxing sought justice for what he said was a beating by city guards that left him paralyzed. It was his frustration, his brother said, that led Ji to push his wheelchair through a crowded terminal at Beijing's main airport on Saturday night and detonate a homemade bomb.

Ji injured no one but himself, but the incident has raised questions in China about whether China can adequately address the grievances of increasingly marginalized members of its society and cast a spotlight on the failures of the country's legal system to provide a sense of fairness.

Ji, 33, from the eastern city of Heze, had been petitioning Chinese authorities for years after the 2005 attack, which left him paralyzed from the waist down and more than \$16,000 in debt, his elder brother Ji Zhongji said.

"They beat him up for no reason. My brother was

wronged," Ji Zhongji said by phone Monday. "If even one person had stood up and said a word of fairness to my brother about his case, he would not possibly have ended up where he is today."

In an era of burgeoning gaps in income and social status, China's courts—controlled by the Communist Party's local political and legal affairs committees—are widely perceived as being corrupt or more likely to protect the interests of local officials than exercise justice.

People like Ji, migrant workers with little education and zero political connections, make up Chinese society's lowest rung. When the legal system fails them, they turn to petitioning—a centuries-old system of sending appeals to government officials in Beijing in the hope of gaining redress.

But those appeals rarely work and frustration among petitioners can mount and boil over into violent incidents.

In the prosperous port city of Xiamen in June, authorities have blamed a fire on a bus that killed 47 people on a disgruntled man named Chen Shuizong who apparently was destitute and had been pleading with local officials for eligibility for social security payments.

While condemning such attacks as a new kind of "terrorism," a commentary by the Xinhua Daily Telegraph, a newspaper published by the official Xinhua News Agency, also urged that a higher priority be made of ensuring that people feel they are treated justly.

"Every person who feels like they have been wronged could be a time bomb," the commentary said.

Ji apparently started a blog in 2006 to seek public support for his cause, writing in a final post that year: "We pleaded to the heavens but the heavens would not respond. We called out to the earth and the earth was silent."

World

Royal baby adds extra sense of history at palace

LONDON (AP)—The arrival of a new royal baby imbued the pomp and pageantry of Buckingham Palace with an extra sense of history Monday as thousands of reporters, Londoners and tourists awaited the most anticipated birth announcement in years.

Patient well-wishers held a 12-hour vigil, many of them craning for a better view and a photograph of the palace gates, where the official bulletin announcing the birth was posted on an easel. Grown men rode on friends' shoulders. Others used step ladders.

Outside the hospital where the Duchess of Cambridge gave birth to the boy, a man dressed as a town crier in traditional robes and an extravagant feathered hat shouted the news and rang a bell.

The car carrying the announcement drove from the hospital to the palace, where it was greeted by a crowd shouting "Hip! Hip! Hooray!" and singing "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" while waving Union Jack flags.

David Etrillard, visiting from France, said the French "look at Britain with interest because we have no monarchy so it's great for us. I'm so happy it happened while me and my family are on holiday here."

The baby boy will be third in line to the throne behind Prince Charles and Prince William and is likely to be monarch one day.

The birth announcement on Buckingham Palace letterhead was brought out for public inspection on the easel by Badar Azim, a footman with the royal household, and Ailsa Anderson, the queen's press secretary, before being taken inside.

The easel was previously used to announce William's birth in 1982. The framed sheet of paper suddenly became the target of a thousand camera flashes when a sea of people thrust their smartphones through the railings. Hours after the initial announcement, crowds were still surging forward to get near the easel.

They no longer wield political power, but Britain's royals are unsurpassed as celebrities and cultural icons.

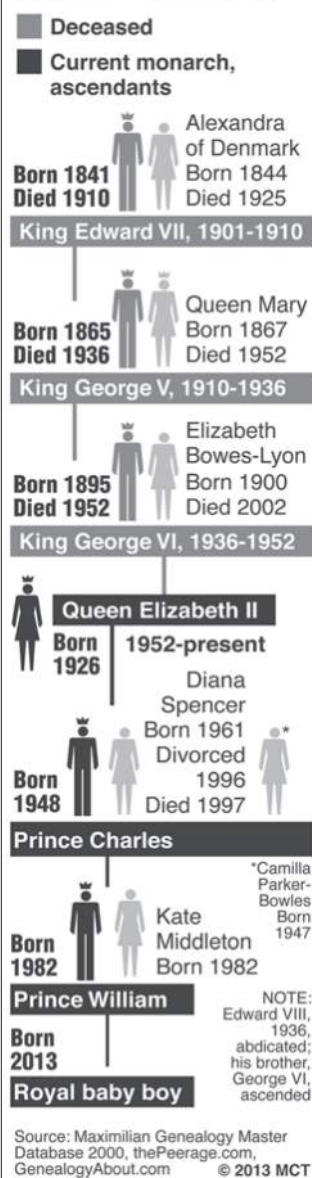
"They're sort of the celebrities of the world," said Anne Frey, a beautician from Madison, Wis., watching the daily changing-of-the-guard ceremony with her husband.

"We can tell our kids one day that we were here when it happened," said Jill Muencz, a tourist from Cleveland, Ohio. "It's fantasy. We don't get to experience all that" as Americans.

The birth of a future monarch added to British sports successes at Wimbledon, the Tour de France cycling race and in the

British line of succession

The son born to Prince William and his wife Kate Middleton, the Duchess of Cambridge, will be third in line to the British throne.



Ashes cricket competition.

Few Britons were willing to go as far in their royalism as Terry Hutt, a carpenter from Cambridge in eastern England, who camped outside the hospital for 12 days, sleeping outside the hospital on a bench covered with a Union Jack blanket.

Hutt, who is proud to have met every royal from the late Queen Mother on, said he was doing his bit for Britain by camping outside the hospital in his red, white and blue Union Jack suit, holding flags and congratulatory banners.

"To me, the royal family play a very, very important role," he said. "Visitors from all over the world haven't got a king and queen. It's a plus for us."

As London commuters rushed past the hospital to work, Pascal Faure, a maintenance contractor originally from South Africa, stopped to snap a picture on his phone for friends at home and in Australia.

"It's part of their heritage, I guess, their culture," said Faure, who claimed his own tenuous royal connection: "Apparently my third cousin once removed is Chelsy" Davy, Prince Harry's

former girlfriend.

He also had more insight than most into the 5,000-pound (\$8,000)-a-night private wing where the child was born. He fixed the air conditioning there last week—a good thing, too, as Monday was expected to be the hottest day of the year in London.

Brazilian crowds delight pope, frustrate security

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)—A wrong turn sent a humble Fiat carrying Pope Francis into the thick of a frenzied Rio crowd Monday, in his first minutes back in South America since becoming pontiff. It was a nightmare for security officials, but for the clearly delighted pope just another opportunity to connect.

Ecstatic throngs forced his motorcade to repeatedly come to a standstill, weeks after violent protests against the government paralyzed parts of Brazil. Francis' driver had turned into the wrong side of a boulevard at one point, missing lanes that had been cleared. Other parts of the pope's route to the city center weren't lined with fencing, giving the throngs more chances to get close.

Vatican and Brazilian security officials struggled to keep the crowds at bay. Francis, however, not only looked calm but got even closer to the people. He rolled down his back-seat window, waved to the crowd and touched those who reached inside. He kissed a baby a woman handed to him.

"His secretary was afraid," papal spokesman the Rev. Federico Lombardi said. "But the pope was happy."

The pope is here on a seven-day visit meant to fan the fervor of the faithful around the globe. That task has grown more challenging as Roman Catholics stray, even in strongholds of the religion such as Brazil, yet it seemed to come easily to Francis even on the drive from the airport to an official opening ceremony.

After finally making it past crowds and blocked traffic, Francis switched to an open-air popemobile as he toured around the main streets in downtown Rio through mobs of people who screamed wildly as he waved and smiled. He left another popemobile—the bulletproof one—in the Vatican garage so he could better connect with people during the church's World Youth Day.

The Vatican insisted there had no concern for the pope's safety as his vehicles eased through the masses, but Lombardi acknowledged that there might have been some "errors" that need correcting.

"This is something new, maybe also a lesson for the coming days," Lombardi said.

Many in the crowd looked

The outpouring of affection for the royal infant is a sign of how thoroughly Britain's royal family has rebuilt its image since the low point that followed the death of Princess Diana in a car crash in 1997. Diana had been popular, glamorous and—in the eyes of many—badly treated by the royal "firm."

Sixteen years on, support for the monarchy is riding high after William and Kate's 2011 wedding and last year's Diamond Jubilee celebrations for Queen Elizabeth II's 60 years on the throne.

For non-Britons, the emergence of an attractive young generation that includes Wil-

liam, Kate and soldier-socialite Prince Harry has given the clan a mix of glamour and celebrity that is hard to resist.

"We like to pretend we have a king and queen," said Maddie Cruse, from Helena, Montana, as she stood outside the palace. "Since we don't have a king and queen, we borrow yours."



A crowd of faithful cheer as Pope Francis rides in his popemobile in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Monday July 22, 2013. AP

stunned to see the pope, with some standing still and others sobbing loudly.

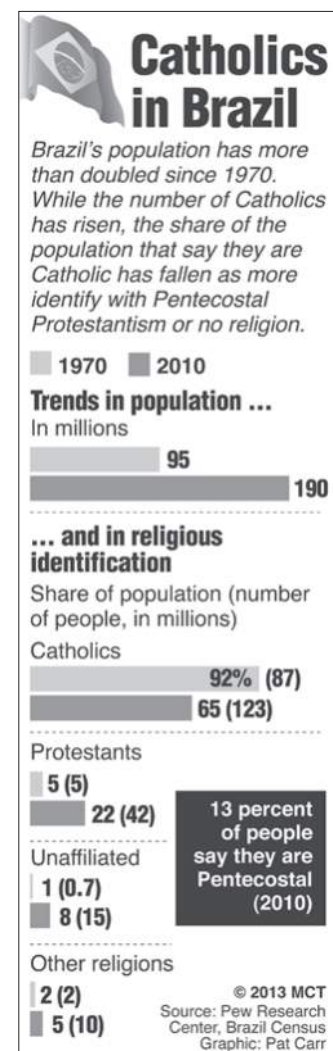
"I can't travel to Rome, but he came here to make my country better ... and to deepen our faith," Idaclea Rangel, a 73-year-old Catholic choked through her tears after the pope passed by.

As many as 1 million young people from around the world are expected in Rio for the Catholic youth fest, a seemingly tailor-made event for the Argentine-born pope, who has proven enormously popular in his four months on the job. But the fervor of the crowds that regularly greet Francis in St. Peter's Square was nothing compared with the raucous welcome in Rio.

Popes generally get a warm welcome in Latin America; even the more aloof Pope Benedict XVI received a hero's welcome when he visited Mexico and Cuba in 2012. John Paul II frequently received rock star treatment, and during one 1996 visit to Venezuela, his motorcade was similarly mobbed when he stopped to greet well-wishers after greeting prisoners.

Outside the Guanabara government palace where the pope was officially welcomed, Alicia Velazquez, a 55-year-old arts teacher from Buenos Aires, waited to catch a glimpse of the man she knew well when he was archbishop of her hometown.

"It was so amazing when he was selected, we just couldn't believe it. We cried and hugged one



another," Velazquez said. "I personally want to see if he's still the same man as simple and humble whom we all knew. I have faith that he's remained the same."

Francis displayed that humility in greeting President Dilma Rousseff, saying he understood that to really know Brazilians, one must

pass through their heart.

"So let me knock gently at this door," Francis said in Portuguese at the official welcome ceremony. "I have neither silver nor gold, but I bring with me the most precious thing given to me: Jesus Christ."

On the plane en route to Rio, he had lamented that an entire generation of young people risked not knowing what it's like to work thanks to an economic crisis that has seen youth unemployment skyrocket in many European countries while leaving the poor of the developing world behind.

"People get their dignity from work, they earn their bread," he told reporters aboard the plane. "Young people in this moment are in crisis."

Francis arrived at a tense time for Brazil, as the country reels from sometimes violent demonstrations that began last month as a protest against public transport price hikes and mushroomed into a wave of protests against government corruption, inefficiency and spending for the 2014 World Cup and 2016 Olympics.

Those protests continued after Francis' arrival. Police and anti-government protesters clashed outside the government palace. About an hour after the pontiff concluded his short speech, police began cracking down on the protests, firing rubber bullets in an effort to disperse the crowd.

The government spent about \$52 million for Francis' visit, but he does not appear to be a focus of protesters' rage.

Campus Life

HSC-25 sailors help Guam sister school

By JOANNA DELFIN
JOINT REGION MARIANAS PUBLIC AFFAIRS

YIGO, Guam—Forward-deployed Sailors from Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25 supported their sister school during a community relations event at Simon Sanchez High School in Yigo, Guam, on July 17.

"Projects like these are always important it's just like that community outreach," said Lt. J.G. Robert Gilliam, HSC-25. "We are part of the community, we are part of the system and it's always that networking and just giving back to the community...that's what it's all about."

SSHS principal Beth Perez said she and her staff were glad to work with the sailors as they moved books and furniture, painted classrooms and provided landscape support in preparation for the new school year.

"We are very appreciative of the fact that they took time of their schedule to come and join us," she

said. "We have a lot of things to prepare for and so the extra help is very much appreciated."

Perez added that having the sailors at the school was a testament to the relationship between the local and military communities.

"It's a great partnership that the military personnel have with the public schools," she said. "Especially because the students can see them, talk to them, engage in conversation, even when it comes to career choices. Many kids are curious about what they do, where they work at and so it really benefits our students as a whole."

As a new sailor to the island, Gilliam said that volunteering was not only a way to show support but a way to connect with a place he was unfamiliar with.

"It's a way to understand Guam and know the community and know what's going on," he said. "We're just here to help out in any way, shape or form."



U.S. NAVY/JOANNA DELFIN

Aviation Ordnanceman 1st Class Eugene Gustilo from Helicopter Sea Combat 25 loads a box of books onto a dolly during a community relations event at Simon Sanchez High School in Yigo, Guam, on July 17.



U.S. NAVY/JOANNA DELFIN

Aviation Electronics Technician 1st Class Steven Bowden from Helicopter Sea Combat 25 assists a staff member during a community relations event at Simon Sanchez High School in Yigo, Guam, on July 17.

Summer school: Credit recovery update

Summer school is in its second week of instruction. The schedule has changed to allow students to have a break before the opening of school in September.

Classes are Monday to Friday, from 8am to 12pm. The last day of class will be Aug. 12, 2013.

Breakfast and lunch are available to all enrolled students free of charge.

Busing is provided. Student must be at the bus stop no later than 7:15am. Buses leave campus at 12:30pm. Satellite stations are:

■ Saipan Southern High School student drop off and pickup point is the bus stop near the HanNam Market in Koblerville.

■ Marianas High School student drop off and pickup point is at the bus stop in front of Oleai Beach Restaurant.

■ Kagman High School north student drop off and pickup point

is at the Sadog Tasi bus stop near the Saipan Zoo entrance.

Attendance is strictly set at three absences due to the short timeline of summer school. The fourth absence will earn the student no credit for the course and the student will have to retake the course.

Kagman High registration

All new and returning students to Kagman High School are required to register for the upcoming school year. Registration forms are available at the Main Office or Registrar's Office. At this time, many incoming freshmen and sophomore students have not yet registered.

Students must register by Aug. 16, 2013, in order to receive their schedule at orientation. Students who register after this date will not be guaranteed

a schedule at orientation.

Registration documents needed are current blue health card, map to the residence, copies of birth certificate, insurance card.

Kagman High orientations

Orientation for all new and returning students is designed to inform parents and students of any new or changing information about the 2013-2014 school year. Attendance at orientation is highly recommended for both parents and students.

Schedules will be handed out on this day. Students who are not registered will not get schedules.

Orientation dates as scheduled:

■ Freshmen and seniors: Aug. 27, 1:30pm to 2:30pm

■ Sophomores and juniors: Aug. 28, from 1:30pm to 2:30pm. (PR)

IN LOVING MEMORY OF *Margaret Cabrera Tudela Riva* Familián "Pakitu"

Born on Saipan, November 28, 1938 and was called to her eternal rest on July 16, 2013 in Long Beach, California

In her new life she now joins her:

Parents: Isidro Sablan Tudela and Rosa Palacios Cabrera

Husband: Edward John Riva

Brothers: Alejandro Tudela, Candido Tudela and Ismael Tudela

Sisters: Basilisa Tudela, Natalia Ronsheimer, Sylveria Asuncion, Jesusa Gogo and Innocencia Tudela

In Laws: Romana V. Tudela, Charles Ronsheimer, Margaret C. Tudela

Her Loving Memories will forever live in the hearts of her:

Children: Robin James Riva, Susan Riva Babauta & Juan Quitugua

Grandchildren: Robbie Riva Jr., Edward Riva II, Nicolasa Riva & Kimo Townsend, Roseana Riva, Jessica R. Babauta & Nancy R. Babauta, Isaac Riva & Isaiah Riva

Siblings: Teresita Tudela Camacho & Jose Cabrera Tudela

In Laws: Ana Tudela, Consolacion Aguon, Ireneo Asuncion & Danny Camacho

She will also be missed by numerous Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, Nieces, Nephews & Friends.

July 23, 2013: 6:00 P.M. Mass (San Roque Church) and followed by Holy Rosary (Santa Remedios Church /Tanapag).

July 24, 2013: 6:00 P.M. Mass and followed by Holy Rosary (Santa Remedios Church/Tanapag).

July 25, 2013: Last Day - 6:00 P.M. Mass (San Roque Church) and followed by Holy Rosary (Santa Remedios Church/Tanapag). Please join us for dinner immediately after the Holy Rosary.

Funeral Services will be held on Friday (July 26, 2013). Her remains will be viewed followed by Holy Rosary and Responso between 9:00 A.M. and 12:00 P.M. at Affordable Burial and Cremation, 6510 Cherry Ave Long Beach, CA 90805. Interment Services will be held at All Souls Cemetery, Long Beach, CA at 1:00 P.M. on the same day.

Please join us in Prayers - Si Yu'us Ma'asi
THE FAMILY

Life & Style

Dennis Farina, star of 'Law & Order,' dead at 69

NEW YORK (AP)—Dennis Farina, a onetime Chicago cop who as a popular character actor played a TV cop on “Law & Order” during his wide-ranging career, has died.

Death came Monday morning in a Scottsdale, Ariz., hospital after Farina suffered a blood clot in his lung, according to his publicist, Lori De Waal. He was 69.

For three decades, Farina was a character actor who displayed remarkable dexterity, charm and toughness, making effective use of his craggy face, husky frame, ivory smile and ample mustache. He could be as dapper as Fred Astaire and as full of threat as Clint Eastwood. His gift has been described as wry, tough-guy panache, and audiences loved him for it.

“Sometimes you can take those dramatic roles and maybe interject a little humor into them, and I think the reverse also works,” Farina said in a 2007 interview with The Associated Press. “One of the funny things in life to me is a guy who takes himself very seriously.”

Farina’s many films include “Saving Private Ryan,” (1998), “Out Of Sight” (1998), “Midnight Run” (1988), “Manhunter” (1986), and his breakout and perhaps most beloved film, “Get Shorty” (1995), a comedic romp where he played a Miami

mob boss.

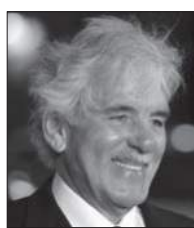
He recently completed shooting a comedy film, “Lucky Stiff.”

Among his numerous TV roles was Detective Joe Fontana on “Law & Order” during the 2004-06 seasons, replacing longtime cast member Jerry Orbach in the ensemble.

“Law & Order” executive producer Dick Wolf said he was “stunned and saddened to hear about Dennis’ unexpected passing this morning. The ‘Law & Order’ family extends sympathy and condolences to his family.”

Also on TV, Farina was a regular in the star-studded though short-lived 2011-12 HBO horse-track drama “Luck.”

He starred in the 1980s cult favorite “Crime Story,” and his styl-



Farina

ish private-eye drama “Buddy Faro” (1998) was warmly received if little-watched. He followed that up with a 2002 sitcom flop, “The In-Laws.”

Last season, he guest-starred on the Fox comedy “New Girl.” One of the sitcom’s stars, Jake Johnson, said: “He is someone I will surely miss. I looked up to him personally and professionally. ... We all will miss out.”

A veteran of the Chicago theater, Farina appeared in Joseph Mantegna’s “Bleacher Bums” and “Streamers,” directed by Terry Kinney, among other productions.

Born Feb. 29, 1944, Farina was raised in a working-class neighborhood of Chicago, the seventh child of Italian immigrants.

After three years in the U.S. Army, he served with the Chicago Police Department for 18 years, both as a uniformed officer (he was there for the 1968 Chicago riots) and a burglary detective, before he found his way into acting as he neared his forties.

His first film was the 1981 action drama “Thief,” directed by Michael Mann—a future collaborator on numerous projects as recently as “Luck”—whom he had met through a mutual friend.

In “Thief” he landed a small role as a criminal henchman, and, while not initially planning a career change, found the film world “very interesting,” as he told the AP in 2004, and concluded it could be a great sideline. (At the time, he was supplementing his cop’s salary by working as a security guard.)

“I remember going to the set

that day and being intrigued by the whole thing. I liked it. And everybody was extremely nice to me,” he recalled, while cautioning, “If the people were rude and didn’t treat me right, things could have gone the other way.”

He continued to work as a detective while taking occasional dramatic roles, and even took a leave of absence from the Chicago police to star in “Crime Story,” before he made the full-time acting plunge.

“If I’m characterized as a character actor, that’s fine with me,” he said in 2007. “Whatever they want to call me is fine. In the kind of roles I do, you can do them and walk away from it and have a really nice time.”

Farina is survived by three sons, six grandchildren and his longtime partner, Marianne Cahill.

Shirley Jones offers naked truth in new book

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Shirley Jones opens the door to her house and appears every inch the ladylike Marian the librarian or sweet farm girl Laurey or cheerfully steady Mrs. Partridge, offering a warm smile and handshake.

Her elegant, modestly high-necked jacket is black, her makeup is discreet and her silver hair tidy. Jones’ living room has the sort of traditional furniture and knickknacks (exception: a prominent Academy Award) that would fit any suburban house.

It all adds up to the publicly familiar Shirley Jones, whose crystalline soprano voice and dewy prettiness made her an immediate star in the 1950s film versions of “Oklahoma!” and “Carousel” and who captured a subsequent generation of fans in TV’s “The Partridge Family” in the 1970s.

Then there’s “Shirley Jones,” her new autobiography (written with Wendy Leigh and published by Simon & Schuster’s Gallery Books imprint) that turns the 79-year-old actress’ image on its head in startling—even shocking—ways.

“So bring out the smelling salts, hang on to your hats, and get ready for the surprise of your lives!” she writes, coyly, in the book’s introduction. It’s not false advertising.

There’s a recounting of her early life and dazzling career that included working with two musical theater masters, Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein, as well as many of Hollywood’s top actors, including Marlon Brando (king of the retakes to exhaustion, Jones said), Jimmy Stewart (charmingly ditsy) and Richard Widmark (the only co-star she fell in love with).



In this Monday, July 15, 2013 photo, actress Shirley Jones poses for a portrait at her home in Los Angeles.

But a substantial part of the book is spent on her troubled marriage to the late Jack Cassidy, the glossily handsome actor and singer whom she describes in a passage as her first lover and “sexual Svengali,” and whose lessons she shares candidly.

That includes—X-rated spoiler alert—Cassidy’s impressive endowment, Jones’ own “highly sexed” nature that made orgasms a breeze, their threesome with another woman (“yuck,” she says, when asked about the onetime experiment), Cassidy’s pre-marital sexual encounter with Cole Porter that

Jones says left her unfazed, and her apparent tolerance for his infidelities.

The character of Marian, the spinsterish librarian in 1962’s “The Music Man,” another smash hit for Jones, “wasn’t me,” she said firmly. And her autobiography makes that abundantly clear, although she says it took the passing of years for to bring such candor.

“I never would have written this book if I weren’t the age I am now,” she said.

So she’s grown-up enough to tell her story, and her admirers should be grown-up enough to read it? “That’s exactly how I

feel,” replied Jones.

She overturned her squeaky-clean image once before with her Oscar-winning portrayal of a vengeful prostitute in “Elmer Gantry” (1960) opposite Burt Lancaster, and the role that she considers her most important. It also brought backlash from her admirers.

“I got letters up the kazoo: ‘Why would you ever take a part like this?’” Jones recalls.

Marty Ingels, the comedian who is her second husband of 35 years and counting, jokes that he is offended by her personal history.

“All that stuff she did with her husband (Cassidy), all those adventures I’m looking into the grounds of having my marriage annulled,” he said.

That draws a boisterous guffaw from Jones, whose loyalty to her outspoken, eccentric spouse has provoked speculation about how she could have jumped to Ingels from Cassidy, deeply troubled but unquestionably urbane.

Ingels lives up to his image by joining the conversation attired in a purple bathrobe and an oversized top hat with “HUSBAND” printed on it, and cracking jokes about being kept in an attic. Jones has a simple answer for doubters: Ingels makes her laugh every day and keeps life from being boring.

Her sexuality remains unabated, said the naturally youthful-looking Jones (healthy eating, daily exercise and no plastic surgery, she said). She is eager to quash the idea that age kills passion or friskiness.

“Luckily, Marty thinks I’ve still got a beautiful body, even though it is old, and every now and again I take all of my clothes off in front of him and

shake my (breasts) at him, and he loves it,” Jones writes in her autobiography, using racy slang for “breasts.”

As she sees it, her own steady temperament made her crave an exciting, surprising partner, and both Cassidy and Ingels fit the description.

She met Cassidy as a 21-year-old small-town girl, a virgin, and “he taught me a lot about everything. Absolutely everything,” Jones said. “I learned about life with Jack, about parties with Jack, drinking with Jack, design with Jack. He was bright, well-read, smart.”

He was also repeatedly unfaithful to her, envious of her success and an inadequate father who late in life was diagnosed as bipolar, Jones said.

“Many people may say, ‘She was crazy. She did anything he wanted and it wasn’t good for her, wasn’t good for the kids, wasn’t good for the people around her,’” she said. “I’m going to get a lot of that ... but it was my life and it was the way I wanted to live it.”

Her autobiography begins innocently enough, with Jones born in Charleroi, Pa., and moving as a toddler to Smithton, Pa., where her father helped run the family-owned brewery, the Jones Brewing Co.

She describes herself as a rebellious tomboy, “wild, willful and independent,” who became obsessed with movies and their stars but intended to turn her love of animals into a career as a veterinarian. Talent intervened.

In 1953, on a post-high school graduation trip to New York with her parents, a friend introduced her to an agent who, immediately impressed, told her to attend an open audition with John Fearnley, the casting director for the songwriting team of Rodgers and

Hammerstein.

After “going for broke” and singing “The Best Things in Life Are Free,” a voice from the theater called out to Jones on stage, “Where are you from? And what have you done before?”

“Smithton, and nothing,” Jones recalls as her flustered reply.

She received a part in the chorus for Rodgers and Hammerstein’s “South Pacific” and then, a year later, the starring role in the duo’s “Oklahoma!”—as well as the title of “Hollywood’s new Cinderella,” as Jones recounts in her book.

With the end of the big-screen musical era, Jones fought for recognition as a serious actress to win the role in “Elmer Gantry” and other dramatic fare. “The Partridge Family,” about a widow and her musical family and co-starring David Cassidy, allowed her to work in Los Angeles and be home at night with her young children.

She didn’t see Hollywood as exciting, Jones insisted. It was work, which she left behind each day when she returned to her roles as wife and mother.

“I liked my job, but when I came home, I never thought of it,” said Jones, who still takes on occasional theater, movie and TV roles.

Of the many photos scattered around her house, all but one—a group shot showing the triumphant Jones and Lancaster on Oscar night—are of children and grandchildren.

Jones had a chance to reflect on her life anew while recording the audio version of “Shirley Jones.”

“What came to me is, ‘I did this, and obviously I loved it when I was doing it,’” she said. “I had a great time. I have no regrets whatsoever.”

Jackson's mother says son didn't cause own death

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The promoters of Michael Jackson's ill-fated comeback concerts watched the singer waste away and should have reached out to his family for help, the superstar's mother tearfully told a jury on Monday.

Katherine Jackson said she didn't know the extent of her son's weakness until after the start of her trial against AEG Live LLC.

"They watched him waste away," she said after her attorney cited several emails from top workers preparing for the "This Is It" shows. The messages described her son's condition as deteriorating and cited his inability to rehearse.

"They could have called me," Katherine Jackson, 83, said.

She claims AEG Live failed to properly investigate Dr. Conrad Murray, who was later convicted of involuntary manslaughter for giving the singer an overdose of the anesthetic propofol.

AEG Live denies it hired the doctor or bears any responsibility



In this June 29, 2013 file photo, Prince Jackson, left, and Katherine Jackson arrive at the world premiere of "Michael Jackson ONE" at THEhotel at Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino in Las Vegas.

ity for Jackson's death.

Katherine Jackson said she believes AEG Live hired Murray, not her son. She said she never heard of the cardiologist until her son died and indicated that she felt Murray bore responsibility for her son's death.

"Even though he asked for it,

he could have said no," she said of Murray.

When asked about conversations she had with her son about prescription drug use, she said she asked him about it when he lived in Las Vegas and he denied he was abusing prescription medications.

"I'm a mother, quite naturally he denied it," she said. "He wouldn't want me to think that."

She said she wasn't surprised by his denial and likened the situation to a child who'd disobeyed his mother while playing outdoors.

Putnam said Jackson was a 50-year-old man at the time of his death. "He's still my child," Katherine Jackson said. "He'd still want me to hold his respect."

She said she was aware her son took medications for pain in his back and scalp after he sustained injuries over his career. She said she never saw signs that her son was abusing medications, including when she and several of her children went to the singer's Neverland Ranch in 2002 for an intervention.

Her son was fine but upset that they thought he had a problem, she said.

Woman looking for good man won't find him cruising online

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE



Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I have an awful time meeting men. I'm not considered beautiful by any means, so that means meeting any good guys won't happen. I use Craigslist a lot to meet sexual partners. I am so tired of giving up my body for a few minutes of pleasure and then feeling empty on the inside. Please tell me what to do.

WHERE ARE THE GOOD GUYS?

DEAR WHERE: I'll try, but first let me tell you where the good guys AREN'T. They are not on Craigslist trolling for sex partners. As my grandfather used to say, "If you're looking for trout, don't go fishing in a herring barrel."

Your problem isn't your looks; it is your extremely low level of self-esteem. It's important that you discuss this with a psychologist who can help you recognize the positive qualities you have to offer, because until you do, you will only repeat these empty, depressing encounters. Please don't wait.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 17-year-old girl who was raised to be polite. When I meet someone, I offer a handshake and a smile and make eye contact. However, I have found that because I'm female, adults—especially men—will go in for a hug even when I offer my hand to shake. This is followed by comments like, "You're too sweet to just shake hands," or, "Girls don't shake hands."

I like hugs, but they make me uncomfortable when they're from someone I don't know well, and I find the comments insulting. How do I avoid this awkward moment and respond to the comments?

TEEN IN NEW YORK

DEAR TEEN: The next time someone lunges forward, take a step back and say, "I prefer to shake hands!" Say it with a smile and don't be confrontational, but DO defend your personal space if you feel it is being invaded. It is not impolite to do so.

DEAR ABBY: I'm single, have no kids and I'm about to turn 62. I own my own home and have no debts. After years of earning a modest but steady income and watching my expenses, I have saved enough and I am eligible for good retirement benefits. So what's my problem?

Friends and family insist I'm crazy to leave a job at which I could work for another five to 10 years. I know retirement is practical for me because I have gotten professional financial planning advice. There are many things I really want to do—classes, hobbies, volunteer work and travel before I'm too old.

My friends need to work to support their extravagant lifestyles, lavish vacations, expensive restaurants, plus their new cars, clothing and electronics. I did things my way and can afford to retire now, so why can't my friends keep their mouths shut and let me enjoy what I have worked for?

READY TO RETIRE

DEAR READY: They may be jealous, or they may be genuinely concerned about you. Not knowing them, I can't answer for them. I can, however, suggest this: Before quitting your job and the steady, modest income it provides, talk with another financial planner and get a second opinion. You'd do that with a doctor if you had a serious question about your physical health, and I'm recommending you do it because this decision will affect your financial health for the rest of your life. If you wait a few more years, you won't be over the hill, and you will have even more money to enjoy in your retirement.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

For everything you need to know about wedding planning, order "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

Spike Lee launches Kickstarter campaign for film

NEW YORK (AP)—The next Spike Lee joint will be a Kickstarter production.

Following in the footsteps of "Veronica Mars" and Zach Braff, Lee has launched an online campaign to help fund his next feature film. The Brooklyn filmmaker on Monday unveiled his bid to raise \$1.25 million over the next month using the fundraising site Kickstarter.

Lee offered few details on the film, but said it would be about "the addiction of blood."

The 56-year-old director said he was inspired to crowdsource the film after hearing from a student of his that the "Veronica Mars" movie raised \$5.7 million on Kickstarter, and Braff's film pulled in \$3.1 million. Said Lee in a video

posted on his Kickstarter page: "When I heard about that, I said, 'Oh, snap!'"

Though filmmakers including David Fincher have been involved with Kickstarter projects, Lee, the director of "Do the Right Thing" and "Malcolm X" is easily the most established filmmaker yet to use the service to raise money for a feature. His remake of the 2003 South Korean thriller "Oldboy" is to be released in October.

Kickstarter, which takes a percentage of donations, has found both supporters enamored by the ability to circumvent the usual means of film production, and critics who call it digital panhandling and lament that backers, unlike typical film investors, get no cut of any eventual grosses.



Lee

Michael Moore files for divorce after 21 years

BELLAIRE, Michigan (AP)—Filmmaker Michael Moore has filed for divorce after 21 years of marriage to Kathleen Glynn, his collaborator on the Oscar-winning "Bowling for Columbine" and other projects.

Moore filed a divorce complaint June 17 in Michigan's Antrim County, where the couple has a lakefront home. It says their relationship has bro-

ken down and "there remains no reasonable likelihood that the marriage can be preserved."

Clerk of Court Sheryl Guy said Monday that Glynn has not filed a response.

A final hearing is scheduled for Sept. 10.

Moore and Glynn married in Flint in 1991. Glynn

is listed as producer or executive producer for many of Moore's hard-hitting documentary films, including "Fahrenheit 9/11," "Sicko" and "Capitalism: A Love Story."

They did not immediately return phone calls seeking comment.



Moore

Billy Ray Cyrus, wife call off divorce again

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—Country musician Billy Ray Cyrus and his wife are calling off their divorce proceedings for a second time.

Tish Finley Cyrus filed for a divorce last month in Los Angeles, citing irreconcilable differences. But in a statement provided by their publicist on Monday, the couple said they are working on their relationship in therapy.

"We both woke up and realized we love each other and decided we want to stay together," they said.

It said couples therapy after 22 years of being together brought them closer and "really opened up our communication in amazing ways."

It was the couple's second divorce attempt after Billy Ray Cyrus, who rose to fame in 1992 with the hit song "Achy Breaky Heart," filed for divorce in 2010 but he later withdrew the petition.

The two got married in December 1993 and have three children together, including actress-musician Miley Cyrus.

ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

Lady Antebellum's Hillary Scott welcomes daughter

NEW YORK (AP)—Lady Antebellum's leading lady has given birth to a little lady.

Hillary Scott's representative says the country singer gave birth to Eisele Kaye Tyrrell on Monday in Nashville, Tenn. Scott is married to Nashville-based drummer Chris Tyrrell. Eisele is the couple's first child. People magazine first reported

the birth. The report said the baby girl weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces. Scott, 27, is one-third of the Grammy-winning country act Lady Antebellum. The group also includes Charles Kelley and Dave Haywood. They released their fourth album, "Golden," in May. The couple were married last year. Scott tweeted her excitement Monday: "She's here, and we are in HEAVEN!!! Eisele Kaye, our beautiful angel,

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!"

Rita Moreno to receive SAG Life Achievement Award

NEW YORK (AP)—Rita Moreno will receive the Life Achievement Award for career and humanitarian accomplishments at the 20th annual SAG Awards. Screen Actors Guild & American Federation of Television and Radio Artists Co-President Ken Howard made the

announcement Monday. He said Moreno is the 50th recipient of the award, "the most prestigious honor we bestow." Moreno, 81, won a best supporting actress Oscar for 1961's "West Side Story." She also has won two Emmys, a Tony and a Grammy Award, one of the few artists to win all four top show business awards. She currently appears in TV Land's "Happily Divorced." The SAG Awards will air Jan. 18, 2014, on TNT and TBS.

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes



Garfield®

By Jim Davis

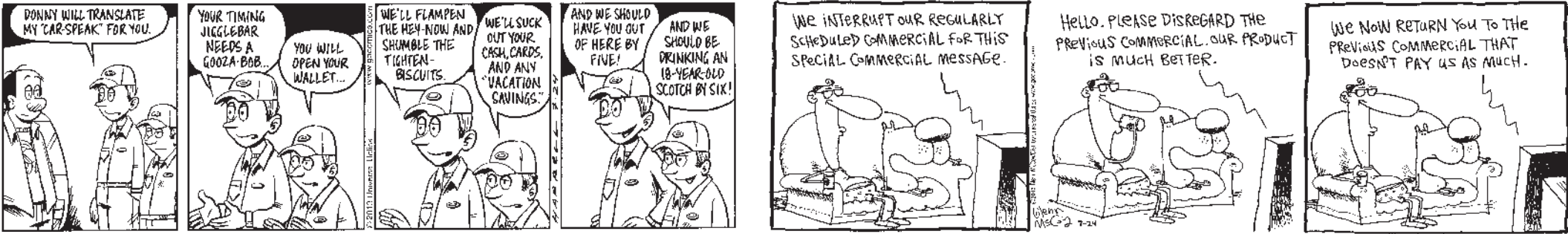


Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Brit. fliers

4 Recipe meas.

7 Tea time

8 Twin crystal

10 Rules writer

11 Edmond

13 Tinsel-town

16 Astronaut

17 Striped horse

18 Commo-tion

19 Heredi-tary

20 Holly-wood

21 Basin acces-sories

23 Occupied

25 Un-wanted email

26 Donated

27 Manhat-tan, for ex.

28 Circular windows

30 Fun and games

33 1984 comedy with six

36 Up-to-date

37 Street-cars

38 Socrates' student

39 Unctuous

40 Type measures

41 Spinning stat

14 Clothing store section

15 "Help!"

19 Jewel

20 — out a living

21 English derby town

22 Belt

23 Body powder

24 Lind-bergh, for one

25 Taste the tea

26 Bat cave deposit

28 Pacific or Arctic

29 Breath mint brand

30 Kingdom

31 Actress Rossum

32 Young and Coleman

34 Doing nothing

35 Plumb-ing problem

Solution time: 21 mins.

CLAM WOK GAPE

AIDE ALI APEG

SEAL YEARNING

HURTING OPENS

ORE BAA

FATWA CURLING

AGO DOG NEO

DAHLING JANEI

CTA BAD

REPEL SERLING

STFRING IDFA

VASE DIE BLAB

PLOD APT SETS

Yesterday's answer 7-24

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Elisabeth Moss, 31; Anna Paquin, 31; Jennifer Lopez, 44; Kristin Chenoweth, 45.

Happy Birthday: Let everyone know where you stand and what you want. Changes and enhancements to your residence or the way you live will be beneficial if you stick to a budget. An investment, inheritance or windfall can be expected if you take care of the responsibilities you've been given and don't get carried away. Your numbers are 7, 12, 21, 24, 30, 34, 45.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Listen to the people who have earned your trust. You may be asked to make changes that aren't to your liking initially, but with a little acceptance and adaptability you will end up in a beneficial position. Partnerships look promising. ★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Get involved in community or family events. Participation will be what keeps you in the loop, as well as an influential factor in whatever upcoming changes might affect you personally. Love is in the stars, and improvements can be made. ★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Speak from the heart and show your passion regarding matters that can influence your position personally and professionally. Problems with deception and disillusionment are prevalent, making it important to ask direct questions. Your future depends on your ability to communicate. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Think outside the box. Take on projects that are different or that you feel inspired to do. Expand your interests and your friendships.

A trip will help you acquire the knowledge you need to reach your goals. Leave time for romance. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Get information first-hand before you respond. There is no room for error, and you must be fully prepared to stop gossip, rumors or meddling that is taking place. Step up and take over responsibilities if you feel you can do a better job. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Talk to peers about what needs to be done and find out who might be willing to help out. Call in favors and take the initiative to step into a leadership position. You will have to work hard, but you will also reap the rewards. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Be reluctant to share too much information regarding your goals. Work quietly behind the scenes until you are sure you have everything in place. Expect opposition from someone vying for your position or trying to control you and your plans. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Ask questions to get to the root of any problem that arises. Taking a hands-on approach to everything you take part in will help you raise your profile and your reputation. Romance is in the stars, but ulterior motives are present. ★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Emotional deception is apparent. Be careful while traveling, dealing with foreigners or even when having conversations with friends, relatives or neighbors. Look out for your interests and protect important partnerships.

EUGENIA LAST

THE LAST WORD IN ASTROLOGY

COPYRIGHT 2007
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

Don't fold under pressure or let anyone take you for granted. ★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Share your plans and listen carefully to the suggestions being made. Take a strong stance if someone appears to be sabotaging a vested interest you have in someone or something. Love is highlighted. ★★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Give and take will be a must. Focus on finishing what you start, but don't be afraid to change your direction if something doesn't feel right. A problem within a partnership is evident. Proceed with caution and question motives. ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Your intuition won't misguide you, but your desires will. Contemplate what you are getting into before you take a leap of faith. The right choice now can bring you great joy and a prosperous future. Romance is highlighted. ★★

Birthday Baby: You are proud and goal-oriented. You are thoughtful, generous and kind.

Eugenia's website—eugenialast.com, Eugenia's android app @ <http://bit.ly/exhoro> and join Eugenia on [twitter](https://twitter.com/eugenialast)/[facebook](https://www.facebook.com/eugenialast)/[linkedin](https://www.linkedin.com/company/eugenialast).

SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

Difficulty Level ★★★

7/24

©2012 Conceptis Puzzles, Dist. by King Features Syndicate, Inc.

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

Difficulty Level ★★

7/23

WONDERWORD By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

'ARGO' WINS 2013'S BEST PICTURE OSCAR Solution: 10 letters

B M T N K E N A A R G O L D H

R E O K A A M D N H O J L R V

Y N N C L R L A O E O C E O I

A D Y A R K I N T S D H N L C

N E S J F C F A S L M A N Y T

I Z I C S F T C N O A M O A O

O T E O H A L L A V N B D T R

I N G R C A P E R O N E O E N

R A E A E L C S C R I R T E A

R R L I J E K R C K N S I U V

E G R O E G R E B R A G C C O

T F L L A V U D C M I K H S N

S I A C L O O N E Y Y S R E O

E N A L P R I A L L T O I R D

L D I S G U I S E M B A S S Y

©2013 Universal, Ltd. www.wonderword.com Join us on Facebook 7/24

Airplane, Alan, Anders, Argo, Arkin, Ben Affleck, Bryan, Canada, Capen, Chambers, Chris, CIA, Clea, Clooney, Cora, Cranston, Crisis, Disguise, Donovan, DuVall, Embassy, Film, Find, Garber, George, Gold, Goodman, Grant, Hall, Heslov, Iran, Jack, John, Ken, Kyle, Lester, Lijak, Master, Mendez, Nina, O'Donnell, Rescue, Riot, Siegel, Taylor, Terrio, Tony, Victor.

Yesterday's Answer: Good News

To purchase THE COLLECTED WONDERWORD, volumes 30 and 31 call 1-800-642-6480. Order on line at wonderword.universalsyndicate.com. (Contains 43 puzzles.)

STUMPED?

For answers to today's crossword, call 1-900-226-5955! 99¢ per minute, touch-tone/rotary phones. (18+ only.) A King Features service, NYC.

CLASSIFIED ADS

EMPLOYMENT

(1) Commercial Cleaner - \$5.55/ hour. With minimum of 1 to 2 yrs work related experience. Interested individuals may contact Ronny's Rental at 235-0001

FOR RENT - RESIDENTIAL

Fina Sisu Apt., Small 1-BR, 1-BTH. Unit approximately 284 sq.ft. FF, AC, BU Genset/24-hr water, security, laundry room, free Wi-Fi & ample parking. Close to NMC campus. MIHA applicants accepted. \$250/ mo. Pls. visit our website www.saipan-properties.com. Call for an appointment 235-6527/8 or 285-1317.

Ocean View Terraces. Luxury 2BR & 1BTH Apts w/private balcony & beautiful view. Rooms w/ A/C & Fully Furnished. Back-up Generator. Free Wi-Fi. Laundry Area. Nighttime security. \$600/mo. Pls. visit our website www.saipan-properties.com. Call for an appointment 235-6527/28 or 285-1317.

Sunset View Terraces. Luxury 2BR & 1BTH Apts w/private balcony & beautiful view. Rooms w/ A/C & Fully Furnished. Back-up Generator. Free Wi-Fi. Laundry Area. Nighttime security. \$550. Pls. visit our website www.saipan-properties.com. Call for an appointment 235-6527/28 or 285-1317.

Lower Navy Hill Apts. Small 3BR & 2BTH. Unit approximately 600 sq.ft. Rooms w/ A/C & fully furnished. Back-up generator. Free Wi-Fi, EPA

CHARMS INC.
Job Vacancy Announcement

(1) BEAUTICIAN
- 3 yrs experience. All around. Must have knowledge in all services provided in a saloon especially skin care.

(1) BEAUTICIAN/MASSEUSE
- 3 yrs experience. Knowledge in beauty & massage

Interested applicants may send their resume to
P.O. Box 503332, MP 96950

3 STOREY BUILDING FOR SALE or RENT

- 1st Floor – COMMERCIAL SPACE
- 2nd Floor APT UNITS Fully Furnished Three (3) 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom
- 3rd Floor – APT UNIT Fully Furnished One (1) 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom

Location: Beach Road, near Microl Toyota
Call Erick at 235-3133/287-9012

HARDT EYE CLINIC
has an opening for an

Accountant (1) — A Bachelor Degree in Accounting with at least 5 years work related experience in financial management and/or payroll and general accounting procedures with extensive knowledge in medical claims. Proficient in the use Optometry Practice Management Software System, Peachtree, Word MS Excel. Must be able to work under time pressure and flexible hours.

Submit application at Hardt Eye Clinic, Inc. dba Hardt Eye Clinic; Diabetes Education Center located next to MegaByte, Chalan Laulau, Beach Road, Saipan. Salary commensurate to credentials and qualification.

VACANCY

Ace Hardware CNMI Inc., is currently seeking for qualified candidate to fill the following position

Small Engine Mechanic and Service Technician

Please apply in person at the J.C. Tenorio Enterprises, Inc. Human Resources Office Joeten Center, Susupe

Ace Hardware CNMI Inc. is an equal opportunity employer

(NO PHONE CALLS, PLEASE)

FOR RENT - RESIDENTIAL

Solar Water Heater. Laundry area. Nighttime security. \$450/mo. Call for an appointment 235-6527/28 or 285-1317.

iPod & iPhone Repair
We Buy & Sell Used iPod & iPhone
Please call 233-5641
Open: Monday-Saturday 9:00am - 7:00pm
www.calvatron.net

FOR SALE OR RENT
3 STOREY BUILDING
1ST FLOOR - BIG OFFICE SPACE
2ND FLOOR – APT UNITS:
TWO (2 BEDROOMS, 1 BATHROOM)
ONE (4 BEDROOMS, 2 BATHROOMS)
3RD FLOOR – APT UNIT:
ONE (1 BEDROOM, 1 BATHROOM)
CALL MARIA AT 483-3970

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

(1) Teacher

Interested applicants may bring a resume to
Marianas Baptist Academy office.
Tel. # 234-6508

ST. MICHAEL'S DAY CARE

5 Day Care Givers - \$5.55 per hour
With 2 years experience.
At least High school Graduate

1 Day Care Teacher - \$6.50 per hour
With 5 years experience of teaching in Elementary school.

Call 433-5474 or 287-9697

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

(1) HOUSEHOLD WORKER
5 years experience.
Salary \$5.55/hr

Duties: To clean house, dust, sweep and mop floor, vacuum carpet, clean appliances, cook, wash dishes and clothes, and other household related chores.

If interested,
Call Papago Heights Rental
at 256-7767.

Job Vacancy Announcement

(2) Sales Person
Rate: \$5:55 to \$5.60 per hour
Must be a high/ college graduate or minimum 2-5 years experience.
Closing Date: July 26, 2013

Interested applicants may apply at Apex Builders Inc. office located at Tun kioishi, Kileleman Rd. As Perdido, Saipan 96950. A copy of police clearance must be attached to the application. Incomplete application will NOT be accepted. Skills testing may be required.

Apex Builder's Inc. dba K parts is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
TAKAI & ASSOCIATES

(1) Assistant Surveyor Aide
Salary: \$5.55/hour
- Must be a High School Graduate
- At least 2 years experience in land Surveying

(1) Cartographer
Salary: \$6.00/hour
- Must be High/College Graduate
- Must be knowledgeable in AutoCAD program
- Knowledgeable in preparing and reading cadastral maps

Please send resume to
jltakai@yahoo.com

OKADAYA CORPORATION:

COOK /SUSHI CHEF (1): Must be passionate about food and have broad knowledge in Japanese cuisine centering on Sushi, Soba, Tempura as well as other cultural dishes and different food preparations. Have Japanese oral communication skills. Knowledgeable of Japanese food products and preparation of all types of Japanese cuisine. Prepares and cook individual Japanese dishes and food. Have knowledge on the proper method of cutting fish, meat & vegetables & proper way of making sushi rice.

Plan menus, ensures quality of food and that all food is creatively and attractively presented at all times. Manage kitchen operations and supervise kitchen staff and helpers. Works with minimal supervision. Determine size of food proportions. Maintains inventory and records of food, supplies and equipments.

Additional Requirements: All applicants must be of good health and have a good moral character, must be able to follow grooming standards, must be able to obtain health certificate, must be able to provide current police clearance, with reliable transportation and must agree to drug test.

Applicants of position listed above are required to have a minimum of 2-5 year experience in Japanese food production. For more information and inquires please come to our office at:
Okada Corporation dba: Okadaya
1F Joeten Commercial Building
Susupe, Saipan

Please no phone calls. Must apply in person.

DELTA MANAGEMENT CORPORATION (SAIPAN)

Has an opening for an Accountant

For established small business

- Must demonstrate understanding of accounting controls and principles.
- Responsible for daily, weekly and monthly sales reports and bank and credit card reconciliation.
- Auditing daily shift sales reports.
- Must demonstrate excellent Word & Excel skills.
- Experience with Quick Books and ACCPAC accounting programs.
- Must demonstrate ability to communicate effectively in English.
- Able to adhere to and meet reporting deadlines.
- Can work under minimum supervision.
- Full time and part time employment available
- 5 years accounting experience
- On island references & police clearance required

Fax Resume to 670-235-4763 or e-mail:
deltamgt@pticom.com

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Job Vacancy Announcement

JVA No. 13-039 (Power Generation)
JVA No. 13-040 (Water & Wastewater Divisions)
JVA No. 13-041 (Power Division)

Opening Date: Monday, July 15, 2013
Closing Date: Friday, July 26, 2013

Janitor and Cleaner

Duties: Under the respective division manager or his/her designee. Monitor building security and safety by performing such tasks as locking doors after opening hours and checking electrical appliance use to ensure that hazards are not created. Service, clean, or supply restrooms. Gather and empty trash. Clean building floors by sweeping, mopping, scrubbing, or vacuuming. Follow procedures for the use of chemical cleaners and power equipment to prevent damage to floors and fixtures. Mix water and detergents or acids in containers to prepare cleaning solutions, according to specifications. Strip, seal, finish, and polish floors. Notify managers concerning the need for cleaning and maintenance duties. Clean windows, glass partitions, or mirrors, using soapy water or other cleaners, sponges, or squeegees. Dust and polish all furnishings. Refill all toiletries and other restroom supplies. Performs other duties of a similar nature or level as required.

LOCATION(S): Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.

SALARY: \$11,544.00 per annum.

CONTRACT: Not Contracted.

POSITION(S): One (1) for each JVA No.

Minimum Requirements: High school diploma or GED or ABE. Knowledge of: proper operations and safety with air compressors, floor buffers or waxing machines, personnel lifting and/or climbing equipment, vacuum cleaners. Ability: Lift up to 70 pounds occasionally. Skills in: Communication, interpersonal skills as applied to interaction and to receive work direction. License: Must already have a CNMI driver's license or one from another U.S. jurisdiction. Applicants may be tested AND are subject to pre-employment drug testing.

Drop off your CUC Employment Application at the CUC Human Resource Office located on the 3rd Floor of the Joeten Dandan Building on Saipan. Otherwise, you may drop it off at the Tinian and Rota Administration Office.

WHATZIT Solution: Mirror image

CLASSIFIEDS RATES AND POLICIES

Saipan Tribune's Classifieds Section gives you the right exposure without hurting your pockets. Stretch your dollar and get results.

CLASSIFIED LINER ADS

Saipan Tribune also offers a Super Saver Package—a complete 5-day run in both print and online editions, for as low as \$30 for garage sales, apartment rentals, help wanted, auto and more. You can choose from any of the packages below.

ADS	(PRINT)	COMBO (PRINT AND ONLINE)
• 3-Liner	\$15	\$30
• 5-Liner	\$24	\$45

ADVERTISING DEADLINE

Classified Ads

Ads must be submitted before 12 noon 2 days prior to publication date

CANCELLATION

Classified Ads

Cancellations should be made before 12 noon of the day prior to date of publication.

REFUNDS

Refunds will only be made if cancellation deadlines are met. No refunds will be made once ad is already printed.

CHECK YOUR ADS

Saipan Tribune will not be responsible for errors after the first day of publication. Errors should be called in before noon of the issue date. Saipan Tribune reserves the right to place ads under proper headings and to revise copy when necessary.

ADVERTISING POLICY

All advertising in the Saipan Tribune are subject to applicable rate sheet, copies of which are available from the Advertising Sales Department (please call 235-8747, 235-2769 or 235-6397). All ads will be subject to approval prior to publication. We reserve the right to edit, refuse, reject or cancel any ad at any time. Also, Saipan Tribune reserves the right to place ads under proper headings and to revise copy when necessary.

WHATZIT?

Find the familiar phrase, saying or name in this arrangement of letters.

GEAMI

www.facebook.com/dingbatgames

WHATZIT!® 2013 www.whatzit.com Distributed by Universal Uclick

Find today's solution in classified section

MLB star Ryan Braun suspended for drug violations



NEW YORK
(AP) —

The first star to fall in baseball's latest drug investigation is one of its biggest: Ryan Braun.

The 2011 National League MVP was suspended without pay for the rest of the season and the postseason Monday, the start of sanctions involving players reportedly tied to a Florida clinic accused of distributing performance-enhancing drugs.

The Milwaukee Brewers star accepted the 65-game ban, 15 games more than the one he avoided last year when an arbitrator overturned his positive test for elevated testosterone because the urine sample had been improperly handled.

"I am not perfect. I realize now that I have made some mistakes. I am willing to accept the consequences of those actions," he said in a statement.

Braun, injured Yankees star Alex Rodriguez and more than a dozen players were targeted by MLB following a report by *Miami New Times* in January that they had been connected with Biogenesis of America, a now-closed anti-aging clinic.

"For these guys still to be involved with this stuff just baffles me," Miami Marlins manager Mike Redmond said. "The education's there and everybody knows what you can and can't take. It baffles me that this continues to be a black cloud over the game. I know Major League Baseball's done a great job of cleaning up the game and the testing policy and all that. And it's working. But at the same time, too, it seems like we'll go through a lull and then, bam, here comes another guy that gets suspended. It's got to stop."

MLB Commissioner Bud Selig announced Braun's penalty, citing the outfielder for unspecified "violations" of both baseball's drug program and labor contract. Braun will miss the Milwaukee Brewers' final 65 games without pay, costing him about \$3 million of his \$8.5 million salary. With the Brewers in

This Sept. 21, 2012 file photo shows Milwaukee Brewers Ryan Braun reacting while holding his elbow after missing his swing during a baseball game against the Washington Nationals at Nationals Park, in Washington

AP



last place in the NL Central, they aren't likely to have any playoff games for him to miss.

"I wish to apologize to anyone I may have disappointed," Braun said. "I am glad to have this matter behind me once and for all, and I cannot wait to get back to the game I love."

Under the agreement reached by MLB and the players' association the specifics of Braun's admission were not made public.

A person familiar with the deal, speaking on condition of anonymity because no statements were authorized, said 50 games of the penalty were connected to Biogenesis. The additional 15 games stemmed from Braun's actions during the grievance that overturned his positive test from October 2011. The suspension will count as a first violation of the drug program, the person said.

"He's guilty. You don't accept a deal unless you're guilty,"

Yankees manager Joe Girardi said. "And it's disappointing. It's another black eye for our game. I know this game is very resilient, and there's been a lot of scandals over the years, but you get tired of it."

Union head Michael Weiner said last week that arbitration hearings for players contesting suspensions likely would not start until September, which would delay any penalty until next season. But he also indicated the union would urge players to make a deal and get a suspension over with if there was strong evidence of guilt.

"I am deeply gratified to see Ryan taking this bold step," Weiner said in a statement. "It vindicates the rights of all players under the joint drug program. It is good for the game that Ryan will return soon to continue his great work both on and off the field."

Braun's acceptance of the

suspension marks a 180-degree turnaround from his defiant spring training news conference in Phoenix last year, after his 50-game ban was overturned.

"We won," he said then, "because the truth is on my side. The truth is always relevant, and at the end of the day, the truth prevailed."

The 29-year-old Braun was hitting .298 with nine homers and 38 RBIs this year, slowed by a thumb injury that limited him to one game between June 9 and Friday. He was at Miller Park before Monday's game against San Diego and addressed the Brewers, then left without speaking to reporters.

Brewers general manager Doug Melvin spoke with Braun but wouldn't divulge details of the discussion.

"I'm disappointed. He's a very important player to our organization and to the ballclub and to our performance on the

field," Melvin said.

Braun met with MLB investigators in late June. Baseball's probe was boosted when Anthony Bosch, who ran Biogenesis, agreed last month to cooperate with the sport's investigators.

The suspension is the latest in a string of high-profile drug cases across sports. Cyclist Lance Armstrong, a seven-time Tour de France winner, ended years of denials in January, admitting he doped to win. Positive tests were disclosed this month involving sprinters Tyson Gay, Asafa Powell and Sherone Simpson.

By serving the entire penalty this year, Braun gains a slight monetary advantage. His salary increases to \$10 million next year, when a 65-game suspension would cost him about \$500,000 more.

"We commend Ryan Braun for taking responsibility for his past actions," Rob Manfred,

MLB's executive vice president for economics and league affairs, said in a statement. "We all agree that it is in the best interests of the game to resolve this matter. When Ryan returns, we look forward to him making positive contributions to Major League Baseball, both on and off the field."

Negotiations over penalties for other players haven't begun, according to a second person familiar with the probe, also speaking on condition of anonymity because no statements were authorized.

Rodriguez acknowledged using PEDs while with Texas from 2001-03 but has denied taking them since.

A three-time AL MVP, Rodriguez has been sidelined all season following January hip surgery and was hoping to be activated this week. A quadriceps injury developed while he played at Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre and caused him to remain on the disabled list. He is not expected at the Yankees' minor league complex in Tampa, Fla., until Wednesday.

Braun became the latest star tripped up by baseball's drug rules.

The sport was criticized for allowing bulked-up sluggers to set power records in the 1990s and only started testing in 2003. Since then, testing and penalties have become more stringent and last year San Francisco's Melky Cabrera was suspended for 50 games, just weeks after he was voted MVP of the All-Star game.

Four All-Stars this year have been linked in media reports to Biogenesis: Texas outfielder Nelson Cruz, San Diego shortstop Everth Cabrera, Oakland pitcher Bartolo Colon and Detroit shortstop Jhonny Peralta.

Other players tied to Biogenesis in media reports include Melky Cabrera, now with the Toronto Blue Jays, Yankees catcher Francisco Cervelli and Seattle catcher Jesus Montero.

"I guess this gives an example to the kids what not to do," Cincinnati manager Dusty Baker said.



ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP)—The latest distraction for the Denver Broncos comes from All-Pro

linebacker Von Miller, who insisted Monday he did nothing wrong in the face of reports he could miss four games for violating the NFL's drug policy.

"I know I did nothing wrong. I'm sure this'll be resolved fairly," Miller tweeted, acknowledging he had seen the reports and adding he was disappointed the Broncos have to open training camp with this news hanging over them.

ESPN first reported the pending discipline for Miller. A person with knowledge of the situation confirmed the possible penalty to The Associated Press.

Broncos' Von Miller says he did nothing wrong

The person did not want to be named because the league hasn't announced any punishment.

George Atallah, spokesman for the NFLPA, said the players union was working with Miller on his appeal, adding via Twitter: "I can also confirm that Von's case does not involve the Steroids and Related Substances Policy."

That would suggest Miller's case centers around recreational drugs instead.

Broncos spokesman Patrick Smyth said the team was unable to comment on the penalty, which could be overturned by an appeal. Miller and his agent didn't return messages left by AP.

The Broncos report to training camp Wednesday with big expectations but a growing number of off-the-field distractions, as well.

Shortly after last season's 13-3 campaign ended with a loss to Baltimore in the division playoffs, none other than Miller guaranteed a Super Bowl title for Denver for the 2013 season.

"I wasn't being arrogant or cocky when I made the guarantee. It was something bigger than myself," Miller said in May in explaining the comment. He said he dedicated the upcoming season to his 6-year-old cousin who was injured in an auto accident last winter.

Then, just last week, left tackle Ryan Clady signed a new contract and, during interviews to discuss the deal, said it was, "Super Bowl or bust, for the most part" for Denver.

It's the kind of talk, at least in public, that Peyton Manning and coach John Fox disdain. It is, however, in line with what Las Vegas says (At odds ranging between 9-2 and 6-1, the Broncos are widely listed as the favorites to win the Super Bowl) as well as the roster Executive Vice President John Elway has assembled.

He added Wes Welker to Manning's group of receivers, shored up the line with free

agent guard Louis Vasquez and used a second-round draft pick to add Wisconsin running back Montee Ball to the mix, as well.

But not all the offseason news has been positive for the Broncos. Elway's top two assistants, Matt Russell and Tom Heckert, are each serving suspensions after arrests on drunken driving charges - an embarrassing run of news that deprives the Broncos of their top personnel men at a time when personnel decisions are paramount.

The other bit of bad news for Denver this offseason was its inability to keep pass-rushing defensive lineman Elvis Dumervil because of a mix-up

with a fax machine that kept the team from receiving his signed contract in time.

The Broncos felt good about replacing Dumervil and his 11 sacks last season, but in large part, the comfort came because they had Miller, who has 30 sacks over his first two NFL seasons, lining up on the other side.

Without Miller, the second overall pick in the 2011 draft, the Broncos defense would be missing its best pass rusher for its first four games—against Baltimore, the New York Giants, Oakland and Philadelphia.

If suspended, Miller would be able to participate in all of the workouts at training camp but would have to leave the team after its final preseason game on Aug. 29.

Moore's 1st shutout leads Rays past Red Sox, 3-0



BOSTON
(A P) —
M a t t
M o o r e

pitched a two-hitter for his first career shutout and the Tampa Bay Rays beat the Boston Red Sox 3-0 Monday night to move within a half-game of first place in the AL East.

Ben Zobrist had three hits and James Loney drove in two runs for the Rays, who earned their sixth consecutive victory and won for the 18th time in 20 games.

In his first start since pitching a scoreless fifth inning in the All-Star game, Moore (14-3) gave up Mike Napoli's single in the second and David Ortiz's base-hit in the seventh. Ortiz took second on a wild pitch—the only baserunner to get past first.

Moore walked one batter, struck out four and needed just 109 pitches to win his sixth consecutive start. The Rays have lost just twice since June 28, improving from fourth place and seven games out to within one win of the division lead.

Brandon Workman (0-1) made his second career start, giving up two runs on seven hits and two walks, striking out four in six innings.

Rangers 3, Yankees 0

In Arlington, Texas, Yu Darvish allowed two singles over 6 1-3 scoreless innings in his first start in 16 days, combining with three relievers on a three-hitter that carried Texas past New York.

Darvish (9-4), who last pitched July 6 before going on the disabled list with a right trapezius strain, struck out four and walked two. He left after allowing consecutive batters to reach in the seventh, having thrown 60 of 90 pitches for strikes.

Just before the game, the Rangers announced they had acquired right-hander Matt Garza from the Chicago Cubs. Garza likely will make his Texas debut Wednesday night against the Yankees.

Ivan Nova (4-3) struck out four while throwing a season-high 112 pitches over seven innings.

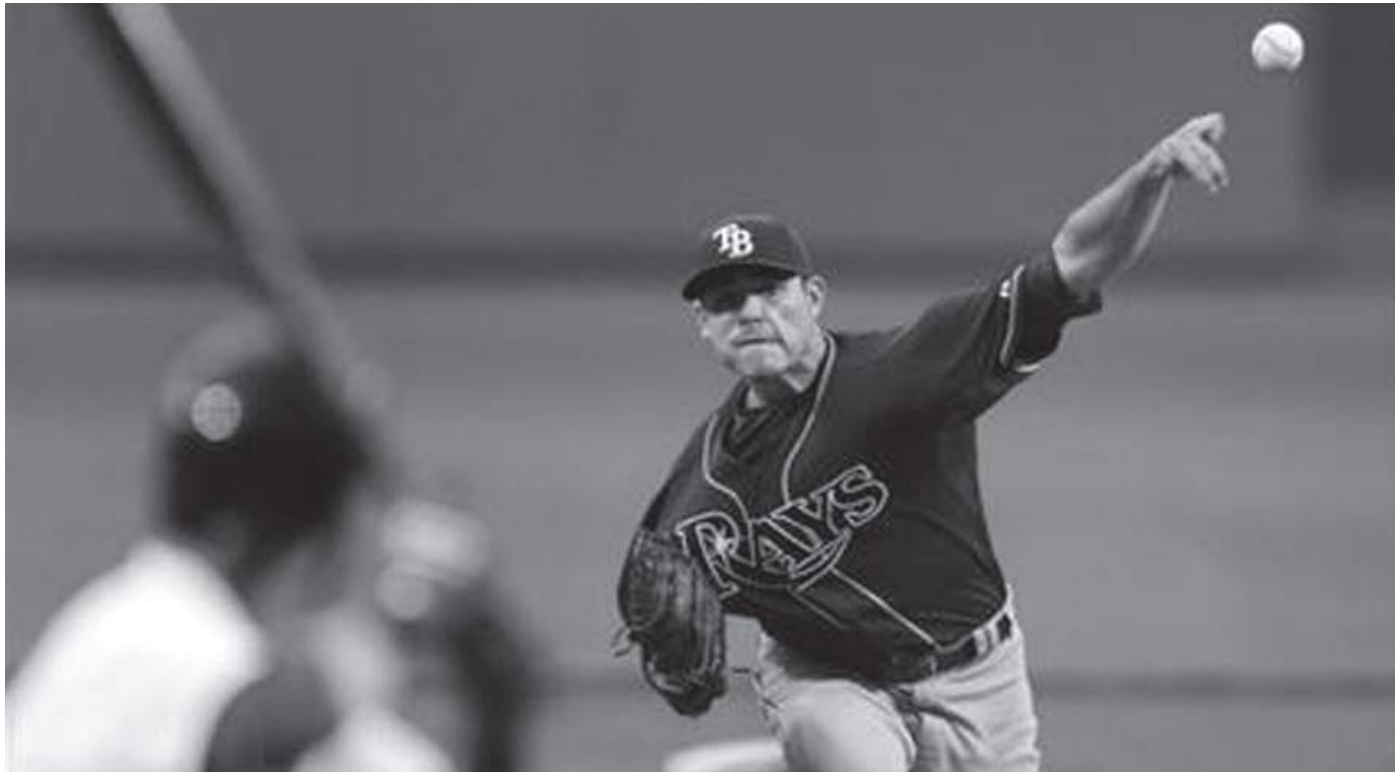
All-Star closer Joe Nathan pitched the ninth for his 31st save in 32 chances to cap the Rangers' eighth shutout of the season.

Tigers 7, White Sox 3

In Chicago, Max Scherzer out-pitched Chris Sale in a matchup of All-Star starters, and Detroit overcame Miguel Cabrera's injury to beat Chicago.

With one out in the bottom of the fifth inning, Cabrera was replaced at third base by Don Kelly. The 2012 AL MVP, who appeared to be holding his left side as he walked off the field, was removed with a sore hip flexor muscle and will be evaluated Tuesday.

Cabrera, who became baseball's first Triple Crown winner in 45 years last season, has played in 97 of Detroit's 98 games this year. He began the day leading the AL with a .359



Tampa Bay Rays starting pitcher Matt Moore delivers to the Boston Red Sox during the first inning of a baseball game at Fenway Park, Monday, July 22, 2013, in Boston.

batting average and 96 RBIs.

Scherzer (14-1) went eight innings and allowed four hits while striking out five.

Sale (6-9) pitched eight innings and gave up four runs—two earned. He yielded seven hits while striking out 11.

Orioles 9, Royals 2

In Kansas City, Mo., Chris Davis and J.J. Hardy each drove in three runs and Baltimore defeated Kansas City to extend its winning streak to a season-high five games.

Davis, who leads the majors with 97 RBIs, drove in a pair of runs with a sixth-inning double and another with a sacrifice fly in the first inning.

Hardy homered, his 17th of the season, in the four-run sixth with Davis aboard. He picked up another RBI in the third when Davis scored on his ground out.

The Orioles' 18-hit attack matched their season high.

Scott Feldman (2-1), who was acquired in a July 2 trade from the Chicago Cubs, was the beneficiary of the offense, picking up the victory.

Feldman limited the Royals to five singles and two runs over eight innings.

Wade Davis (4-9) took the loss, giving up four runs, two unearned, on seven hits and three walks in 2 2-3 innings.

Athletics 4, Astros 3

In Houston, Josh Reddick put Oakland on top with a two-run homer in the eighth inning and the Athletics remained perfect this season against Houston.

Chris Young hit a solo homer for the A's, who are 10-0 against their new AL West foes this season and 15-1 all-time.

Houston took a 3-0 lead thanks in part to Oakland tying a season high with three errors. Young's shot cut the lead to one in the seventh before Reddick's drive to right field off Wesley Wright (0-4) made it 4-3.

Young also tripled for another

big game in his hometown.

Three of Young's nine homers this season have come at Minute Maid Park, and he's hit eight home runs with 30 RBIs in 22 career games in Houston.

Mariners 2, Indians 1

In Seattle, Kendrys Morales and Mike Zunino each homered, Aaron Harang pitched seven strong innings and Seattle beat Cleveland to win its season-high seventh straight victory.

Morales led off the fourth inning with a homer and Zunino did the same in the fifth off Indians starter Ubaldo Jimenez, helping Seattle increase its league-leading total to 29 homers in July. The seven-game streak is the longest for Seattle since winning eight straight in August 2012.

Harang (5-8) gave up a solo homer in the first to Nick Swisher, and danced around trouble for his second win in the last three starts. Tom Wilhelmson survived the ninth for his 22nd save.

Twins 4, Angels 3

In Anaheim, Calif., Clete Thomas homered and hit an RBI double, then robbed pinch-hitter Chris Iannetta of a go-ahead homer in the eighth inning to help Minnesota beat Los Angeles and hand Joe Blanton his major league-worst 13th defeat.

Samuel Deduno (6-4) allowed two runs, four hits and five walks over seven innings while striking out five on the anniversary of his first big league victory. The 30-year-old right-hander faced a lineup missing cleanup hitter Josh Hamilton because of stiffness in his right ankle.

Casey Fien gave up two hits in the eighth and was replaced by All-Star closer Glen Perkins. Pinch-hitter Collin Cowgill greeted the left-hander with an RBI single, and Iannetta drove the next pitch on a high arc toward the left-field fence, where Thomas made a leaping grab.

Dodgers 14, Blue Jays 5

In Toronto, A.J. Ellis hit a two-run homer and drove in a career-best five runs, Hyun-Jin Ryu pitched 5 1-3 innings, and Los Angeles beat Toronto for its fourth straight victory and 21st in 26 games.

Skip Schumaker added a three-run shot as the Dodgers moved a season-high four games above .500 and won their eighth straight road game, their longest streak since a nine-game run in July 2004.

Ellis went deep in the second inning and had RBI singles in the third, sixth and seventh. He also reached on first baseman Adam Lind's fielding error in the fourth.

Toronto made a season-high five errors and lost its fifth straight game. The Blue Jays have lost 12 of 16 overall.

Ryu (8-3) had gone 4-1 with a 2.25 ERA in 10 starts before matching a season worst by giving up five runs in five innings at Arizona on July 10. He was better against the Blue Jays, allowing four runs and nine hits, all singles, in 5 1-3 innings. Ryu walked two and struck out three.

Braves 2, Mets 1

In New York, Jason Heyward made a diving catch with runners on first and second and two outs in the ninth inning after pinch-hitter Reed Johnson hit a go-ahead single with two outs in a two-run top half, leading the Atlanta Braves to a comeback victory over the New York Mets.

Playing for the first time after missing six games with a strained right hamstring, Heyward made a long run to his right and slid along the wet grass to hold his glove up after grabbing pinch-hitter Justin Turner's fly ball.

The Braves took advantage of catcher John Buck's passed ball to score twice in the ninth against closer Bobby Parnell.

The Braves did not get their

first hit off Dillon Gee until Freddie Freeman led off the seventh with a single. But the NL East leaders ended their two-game skid against Parnell (5-5).

Jordan Walden (4-1) pitched the eighth for the win.

Pirates 6, Nationals 5

In Washington, Andrew McCutchen hit a pair of two-run homers to back a solid outing by right-hander Charlie Morton and Pittsburgh beat skidding Washington.

McCutchen connected in the first inning and again in the third to stake the Pirates to a 4-0 lead.

Both homers came off Dan Haren (4-11), who's 0-8 in 11 starts since May 9.

Morton (2-2) gave up three runs, six hits and a walk in 6 2-3 innings to earn his first win in five starts. He struck out five.

Jason Grilli entered in the ninth and gave up a two-run homer to Jayson Werth before leaving with an apparent arm injury after getting two outs.

Vin Mazzaro retired Steve Lombardozzi on a grounder with a runner on second to earn his first career save.

Padres 5, Brewers 3

In Milwaukee, Jesus Guzman homered and had three RBIs to lift the Padres over Milwaukee hours after the team learned that Ryan Braun would be suspended for the rest of the season.

The 2011 National League MVP was suspended for the final 65 games without pay for being tied to a Florida clinic accused of distributing performance enhancing drugs.

Guzman capped a four-run sixth inning off Tom Gorzelanny (1-4) with a two-out double that snapped a tie, scoring Chase Headley and Carlos Quentin to give the Padres a 5-3 lead. It was only their 17th win in 50 road games.

San Diego starter Andrew Cashner (6-5) pitched six solid innings and keyed the sixth-

inning rally with a leadoff bunt single. The right-hander allowed three runs on three hits and three walks while striking out six in six innings.

Huston Street pitched the ninth for his 17th save in 18 chances.

Marlins 3, Rockies 1

In Denver, Tom Koehler tossed seven strong innings, Ed Lucas homered and Miami scored for the first time in four games in a victory over Colorado.

Giancarlo Stanton reached base three times and Steve Cishek notched his 18th save for the Marlins, who snapped a four-game losing streak.

Troy Tulowitzki hit his 17th home run and D.J. LeMahieu had three hits for the Rockies.

The Marlins' scoring drought reached a franchise-record 37 innings after suffering a three-game sweep at Milwaukee over the weekend.

Koehler (2-5) looked sharp in his first start since July 2. His only blemish was Tulowitzki's homer to lead off the fourth that made it 3-1.

Drew Pomeranz (0-4) allowed three runs on five hits and walked four in 4 1-3 innings.

Cubs 4, Diamondbacks 2

In Phoenix, Ariz., rookie Junior Lake hit his first major league homer and drove in three runs to power Chicago to the victory over Arizona.

Lake's two-run homer off Tyler Skaggs with no outs in the fifth inning gave the Cubs a 3-0 lead. Lake's RBI single in the ninth scored Darwin Barney with an insurance run.

Dioner Navarro hit a solo home run in the second for the Cubs.

The loss, coupled with the Los Angeles Dodgers' win in Toronto on Monday night, dropped the Diamondbacks out of first place in NL West. They held or shared the division's top spot since May 15. Arizona has lost four of its last five.

Chris Rusin (1-0) got the win, and Kevin Gregg pitched the ninth for his 19th save.

Skaggs (2-2) took the loss.

Reds 11, Giants 0

In San Francisco, Bronson Arroyo pitched a seven-hitter for his sixth career shutout, beating Tim Lincecum and San Francisco for his first victory at AT&T Park and No. 100 with Cincinnati.

Arroyo (9-7) struck out six and didn't walk a batter in his 15th career complete game, a 108-pitch gem that ended in 2 hours, 45 minutes. Derrick Robinson ended it with a tough catch in deep center.

Devin Mesoraco and Shin-Soo Choo homered in the second inning off Lincecum, pitching for the first time since his no-hitter at San Diego.

Jay Bruce also hit a solo homer, Todd Frazier added a three-run double and Robinson, a late addition to the lineup, had three hits.

2013 Youth Badminton Summer Camp

PHOTOS BY ROSELYN B. MONROYO



Andreau Galvez demonstrates the proper form in going for a smash during last Monday's session of the 2013 Youth Badminton Summer Camp at the TSL Sports Complex.



A participant in a scrimmage at Court 3 reaches in for the shuttlecock.



Players tap rackets after a scrimmage at Court 3.



Two female camp participants play at the sidelines while waiting for their turn in one of the three courts at the TSL Sports Complex.



Two players at Court 3 go after the shuttlecock.



A.J. Ortega serves while teammate Nicole Malasarte looks on during a scrimmage at Court 2.



A male camp participant practices at the sideline through the help of two other kids.



A female camp participant, center, serves as a "human" net to allow two players to play at the sidelines.



Two female participants play a scrimmage at Court 1.



A camp participants goes for a return, while her teammate gets ready to help during a scrimmage at Court 1.



**MLB star
Ryan Braun
suspended for
drug violations**

PAGE 24

Saipan Tribune Sports



**Moore's 1st shutout leads
Rays past Red Sox, 3-0**

PAGE 25

28 WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 2013

SAIPAN TRIBUNE

NMIFA names team for EAFF tourney



Aninzo



Barry



Belcher



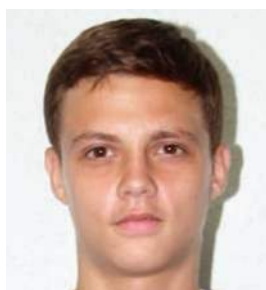
Butcher



Del Rosario



Domingo



Fruit



Galarion



Hall



Hinson



Izuka



Joyner



Mafnas



Masga



S. Kim



Taisacan



W. Kim



Yobech

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO
roselyn_monroyo@saipantribune.com
REPORTER

Northern Mariana Islands Football Association has selected 18 players who will suit up for the CNMI U18 National Team in the 2013 EAFF Regional Qualifiers in Guam next month.

The list includes goalkeepers Christopher Aninzo and Joshua Galarion, defenders Diego Masga, Kennedy Izuka, John Taisacan, Enrico Del Rosario, Bo Barry, Kenneth Domingo, William Hinson II, and Won Young Kim, midfielders Jireh Yobech, Joel Fruit, Dakota Hall, Terrence Belcher, Scott Kim, and Jor-



dan Butcher, and forwards Jehn Joyner and Yoshi Mafnas. The squad was named last Monday night at the Oleai Sports Complex Field after a scrimmage against a selection of adult players from the M-League.

"The team has a strong defensive
See NMIFA on Page 26

Kamikaze demolishes Snipers



ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Kamikaze's Melvin Manalo pulls up for a shot from the baseline against the Snipers' Melvin Capalad during the fourth quarter of their game in the DL Corp. caging last Monday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO
roselyn_monroyo@saipantribune.com
REPORTER



Kamikaze went for the jugular in the fourth quarter en route to a 92-76 win over the Snipers in the first game in the 2013 DL Corp. Invitational Basketball League last Monday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

Ahead by only 3 at the end of the third period, 72-69, Kamikaze coasted to the 16-point victory after holding the Snipers scoreless for more than four minutes in the fourth canto and limiting its foes to 6 points in the entire quarter.

Marlon De Dios led the fourth-quarter attack, drilling 8 of his 25 points in the payoff period, and the rest of his teammates converted easy baskets to complete the rout, as the Snipers had already given up midway in that frame after missing one target after another. The Snipers made it to the board only at the 5:45 mark off Tito Alano's putback. The Snipers went on to hit only one more field goal in the remaining minutes of the match, courtesy of Jonathan Jones, who finished with a game-high 34 points but was held to 3 markers in

See KAMIKAZE on Page 26

KFC/Taco Bell and Armatech recover

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO
roselyn_monroyo@saipantribune.com
REPORTER



KFC/Taco Bell and Armatech are back on the track in the Emon Lodge No. 179 Brotherhood Basketball League 2013/Docomo Pacific Cup after posting contrasting wins last Saturday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

KFC/Taco Bell, which had its two-game winning streak snapped on July 13, regrouped and eked out a 68-66 victory over Mariana Resort & Spa in the second game. With the win, KFC/Taco Bell (3-1) moved up to solo second place behind its lone tormentor and the unbeaten AXE Proa (5-0). Mariana Resort fell to a 2-2, slate tying Mobil and Pacific Islands Club in third place in the nine-team field.

Jaymark De Guzman delivered the winning basket for KFC/Taco Bell in

the closing seconds, making a fast-break layup after stealing the ball from Marlon Sison. Jawn Joyner had the chance to save Mariana Resort after De Guzman's clutch shot, but the former faltered on his desperation triple as the final buzzer sounded.

De Guzman finished in twin digits, drilling 8 of his 10 points in the crucial fourth canto. He came out strong in the final half of the fourth period despite suffering a bad fall off Tim Wesley's hard foul in the second quarter. The KFC/Taco Bell wingman scored 8 of the team's last 10 points.

The KFC/Taco Bell had to rely on De Guzman's heroics in the fourth frame after making only 11 points in
See KFC on Page 26

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Armatech's Noel David is seen here going for a layup against Mobil's Zack Babauta during an earlier game in the Emon Lodge caging at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

